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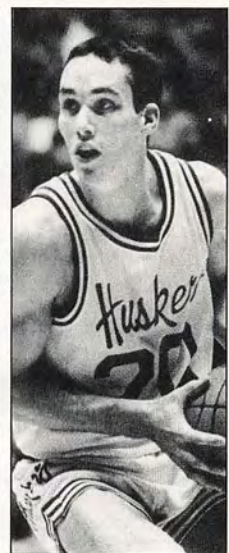
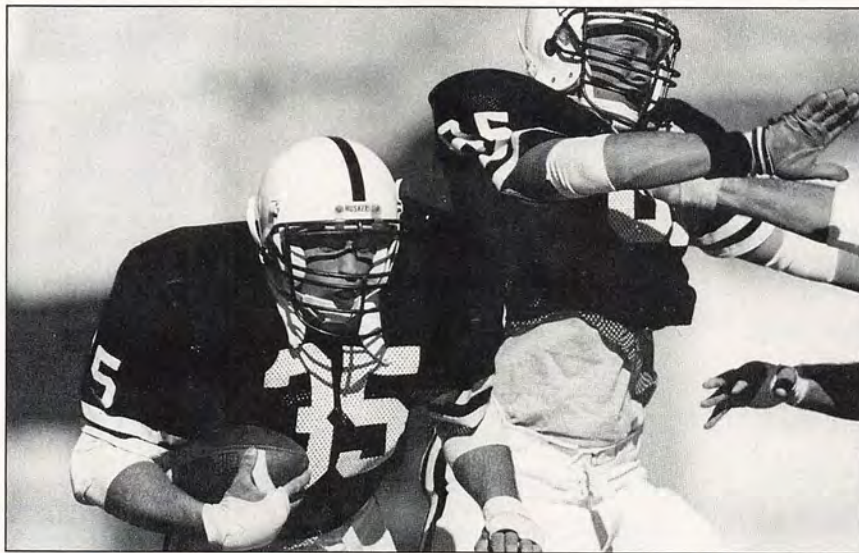
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## LETTERS

### DELICATE MATTER

Dear Huskers:

This letter is in response to a story I saw recently in a local newspaper where the story went into great detail as to how much the football coaches and other athletic department officials were making salarywise. I think that is tacky.

But the newspapers seem to do that every year.

I cannot help but think that the more people know what someone makes, the more there will be friction in the program. It just demonstrates how some people are underpaid for their work and how other people may be overpaid for their efforts.

Can anything be done to stop the newspapers from doing this? I personally don't care how much Tom Osborne is paid as long as it's a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. Maybe the newspapers should print how much their sports editors make each year.

Danny McMitchell  
Lincoln, Neb.

### HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME

Dear Huskers:

We Big Red football fans too many times try to "keep score." It's great to win, but it's also almost impossible to win almost every time out. Keeping score is not all there is to life. Character, sportsmanship, achievement and honor are just as important.

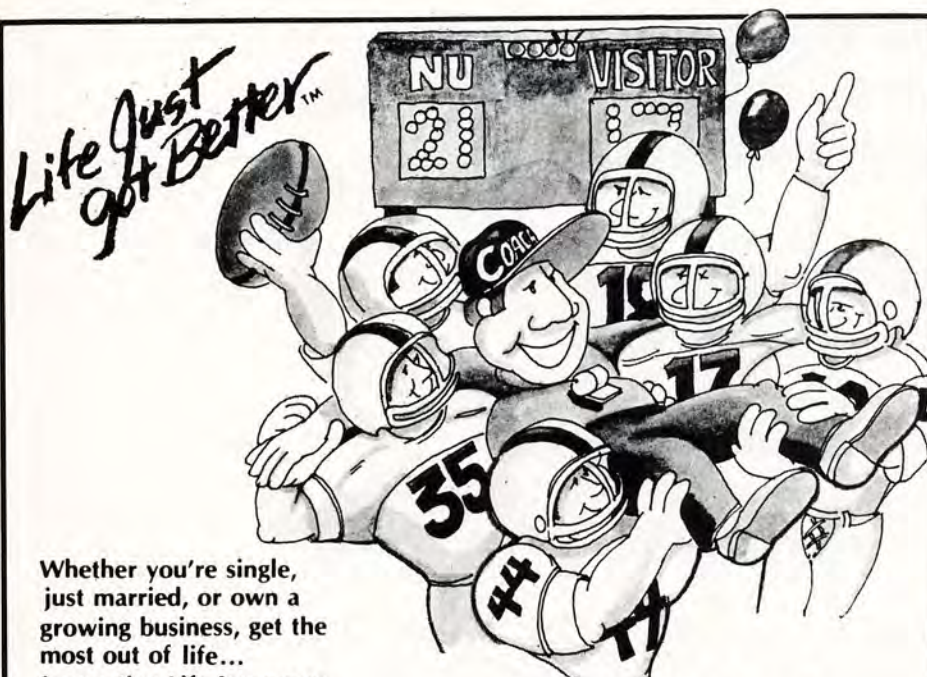
I would like to salute the 1989 team for its accomplishments to date and for the special memories it will eventually have for Husker fans in years to come. This team, as all past teams, has brought admiration to the University of Nebraska. We have the best coach and staff in all of college football, working tirelessly for long hours so that each week and each year we are greeted with yet another stellar Nebraska Cornhuskers football team. That deserves a tremendous salute.

Tom Dinges  
Sacramento, Calif.

### TAPE DISPENSER

Dear Huskers:

According to a statement made by Jon Bostick in the Oct. 7 issue of *Huskers Illustrated*, the NU-Oregon State game was televised back to Oregon. I am hoping some Nebraska fans in Oregon put



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the game on tape and are willing to trade with me. There are quite a few of us Husker fans that never get to see a Nebraska game on TV and tapes are the only way we can enjoy our favorite team. Please write me if you have a copy of the OSU-NU game.

Jim Hoover  
6834 S. 42nd Way  
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Dear Huskers:

I am writing this letter with the hope that your readers will be able to help me solve a problem. I have been looking for VHS cassettes of the 1984 UCLA-NU game and the 1985 Sugar Bowl against LSU. I'd also like to find a copy of the Sept. 29, 1984, issue of *Huskers Illustrated*. If there's anyone out there who can help me with this, please contact me.

Scott Reynolds  
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#### BUFF STUFF

Dear Huskers:

The enclosed small article was published in the Oct. 4 issue of *The Denver Post*. I thought the Huskers would like to see what some Coloradans think of them.

I have lived in Colorado since 1961 and I have CU season tickets for the third straight year. But, on Nov. 4, I'll be in my red and white as I will always remain a Husker fan.

I also saw the Husker frosh play the Air Force junior varsity. I was rooting for the Big Red, even though I am retired from the Air Force. Go Big Red!

Dennis Reuss  
Denver, Colo.

Dennis: Thanks for the article. Here it is: "The Buffaloes now are rated No. 3, coming in ahead of Nebraska. When they travel to Boulder on Nov. 4, I only hope the Cornshuckers remember their place." The columnist apparently did not know that the UPI poll had those places reversed.

#### WHERE'S JOHNNY?

Dear Huskers:

Thanks for your magazine! It's great reading about the Big Red each week.

Wasn't there a point guard named Johnny Benjamin transferring from Auburn who was planning on playing for Nebraska this year? If so, what happened to him?

Lloyd Rodenbur  
Wichita Falls, Texas

Lloyd: Benjamin left the team shortly after arriving on campus.

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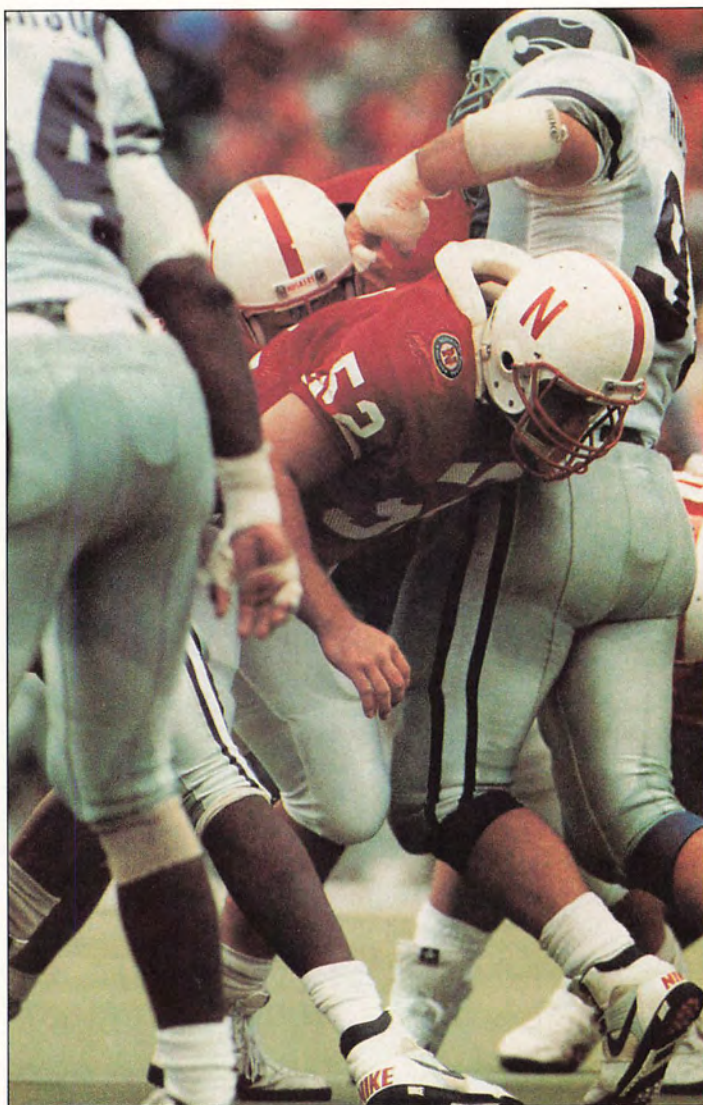
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# The Invisible Man

ROGER FITZKE LIKES IT THAT WAY BECAUSE  
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An occupational hazzard, Fitzke took some thumps on the head from KSU.



By Paul Hammel

**H**e walked off a feedlot in south-central Nebraska and walked on the Cornhusker football team.

Now he is one of the team's most valuable players — so valuable, that he is held out of some scrimmages and games to avoid injury. And pampered on the sidelines. Hands kept warm, joints limber.

He must be saved because when he is in the game, usually Nebraska scores. And they couldn't do it without him.

Yet, when the public address announcer gives the lineup, this invaluable chip in the Cornhusker computer is never mentioned. Not a blip.

Roger Fitzke is his name. He is the unknown man in the Nebraska scoring machine — and Fitzke would just as soon keep it that way.

That's because Fitzke, a fifth-year senior center from Harvard, Neb., is the No. 1 snapper on Cornhusker extra-point kicks and field goals, as well as the long snapper on punts.

When Nebraska lines up for a field-goal or extra-point try, the name of the kicker and the holder are echoed about the stadium by the P.A. announcer. You'll never hear "and snapping is Roger Fitzke," yet he is the player who starts the split-second, chain reaction that leads to a three-pointer, or an extra point.

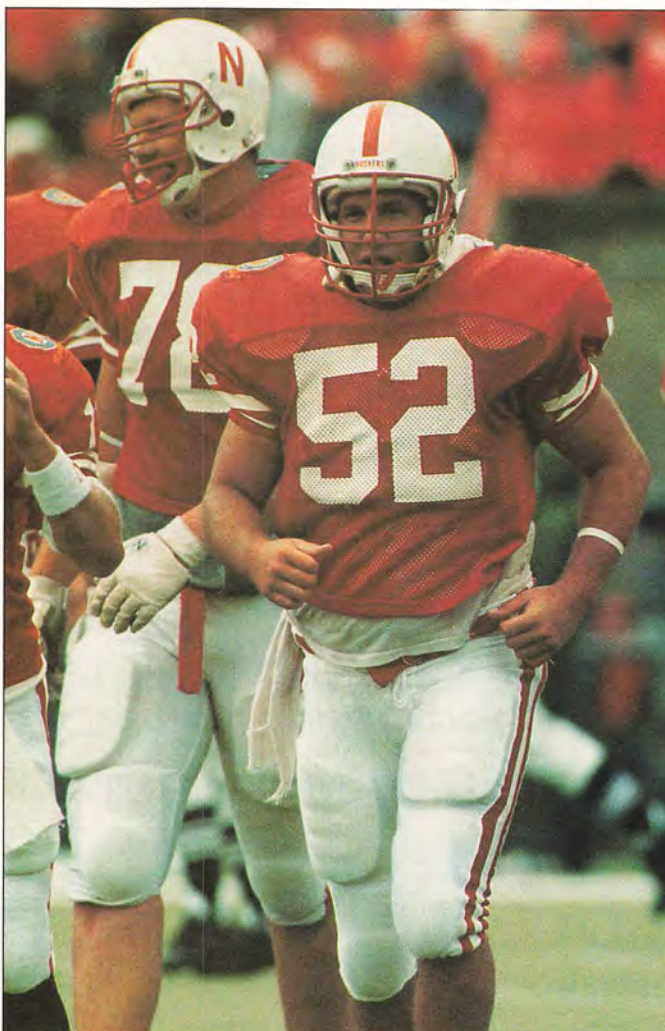
Look it up in the press guide, too. It talks about the NU kicking game, sure, but does it mention snapper? Are we talking lawn mowers or what?

That's fine with Fitzke, because when he does his job, he is the ideal guest on "What's My Line?" The invisible man. The guy behind the scenes. The perfect trivia question.

When he doesn't do his job — a snap sails over a punter's head or bounces to the holder on an important field-goal attempt — everybody knows, and suddenly everybody is scrambling for their program. Who's No. 52?

"That's about the only time you'll get noticed as a snapper — if you screw up. 'Who snapped that?'" said Fitzke.

Fortunately, however, Fitzke, a 6-foot, 235-pound, agri-business major, has remained a relatively anonymous member of this year's Cornhuskers. In the first seven games, there have been no nightmares from the senior snapper. Only



He may not be a superstar, but Fitzke often leads a pampered life. His job "is an art" according to Milt Tenipor.



one hike could be considered potentially dangerous, and Husker punter Mike Stigge fielded that one on one hop during the Oregon State game and got his kick away cleanly.

Nebraska offensive line coach Milt Tenopir hopes it stays that way. He

remembers snappers the way most fans do — when they mess up. He recalls the 1985 Florida State game vividly:

The Cornhusker's No. 1 snapper, Mark Cooper, was knocked hay-wire, into a different zip code as it were, in the first half. Coaches turned to the No.

2 snapper, Brian Blankenship, a senior guard who had done the job in practice while wearing golf gloves. It worked like a charm then, but on opening day, 1985, it was around 90 degrees, and Blankenship's hands were sweating a thunderstorm.

The result: A second-quarter snap scooted on the ground to punter Dan Wingard, who was standing on the goal line. A 7-yard punt ensued. A Florida State touchdown drive followed, giving the pesky Seminoles a 17-13 second-quarter lead, which they protected for an upset victory at Memorial Stadium.

Yes, Tenopir knows the value of an accurate, reliable snapper.

"If that position goes down, you just can't send anybody in there to play it," said Tenopir. "It's an art. It's like a passer — not everybody can do it. A lot of

## Fitzke's biggest game was the '88 opener vs. Texas A&M in the Kickoff Classic.

them you work with and they can't learn it even after you work with them.

"There's a very high degree of error," he said. "Your hands have to be right so the ball doesn't sail or sink. We've not had many kids over the years who've been able to do it and do it well." Fitzke, however, has.

You might say he inherited the job. One of five sons of Larry and LaVonne Fitzke, Fitzke's older brother Ron was a senior center and snapper on the Harvard High School football team when Roger joined the team as a freshman.

Roger took over the job when his older brother graduated.

Fitzke's forte at Harvard, however, was defense not offense. He became an all-stater at Harvard as a middle line-backer, playing on teams that went 20-3 and qualified for the state playoffs his junior and senior year.


"He had a knack for defense," said his high school coach, Dave Carlson. "He

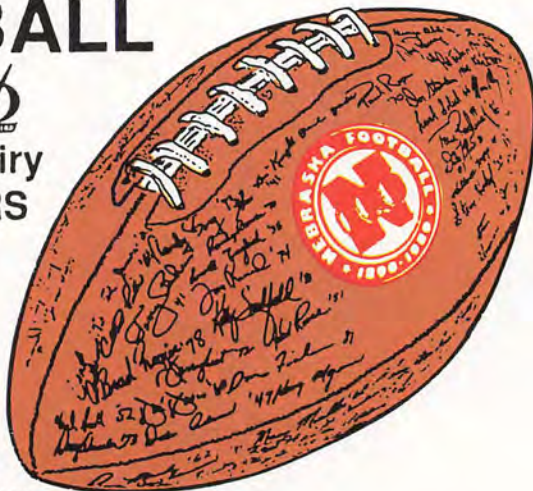
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was always around the football."

Yet his speed didn't excite the major-college recruiters. Some small colleges had offers, but Fitzke wasn't listening. Like hundreds of other high schoolers in Nebraska, he dreamed of playing for the Big Red, running onto the field amid the sea of red, beating Oklahoma for the Big Eight title with a game-saving tackle.

So he walked on at Nebraska, and at the suggestion of Tenopir, switched to center. "I wanted to come here and I was just going to play where they wanted me to play. I don't have the best speed and that (center) is what they needed," he said.

Fitzke's freshman season was OK: a backup center to Chris O'Gara on a 5-0 junior varsity team. He redshirted in 1986. Fine.

His sophomore season, however, was a struggle. Fitzke remembers spring practice. He was like the No. 5 center and seemingly going nowhere. "I didn't know how I was going to fit in... if I was going to play."

Fitzke said he considered transferring to a smaller school where he could play right away. No waiting, no wondering. He decided against it. He would fit in somewhere.

That somewhere has been as a snapper. He played in only four games as a sophomore, but in 1988 as the No. 2 snapper behind Jeff Anderson, and the No. 3 center overall, Fitzke played in eight games and lettered.

His biggest game was the 1988 opener against Texas A&M in the Kickoff Classic. Starting center Jake Young was injured in practice and wasn't expected to play. Anderson started, but had a leg cramp as Nebraska was driving for a go-ahead touchdown.

On the 1-yard line, with Nebraska trailing 7-6 before a crowd of 58,000 people, Fitzke entered the game for his first meaningful minutes as a Cornhusker — and sports writers hurriedly reached for the media guides. Who is No. 52?

It was no problem. Ken Clark scored on a 1-yard run. Fitzke had a nice block on the Texas A&M linebacker.

"I didn't think it was that big a deal until I got home," said Fitzke. "My parents (video) taped the game. I heard my

name on national television. It was pretty cool. I liked it."

Because of his talents as a snapper and center, Fitzke made the traveling squad in all but one game in 1988, and entered this year as the No. 1 snapper and No. 3 center, behind Young and David Edeal.

Tenopir considers the snapper a starter. It ought to be that way. Abuse goes

with the territory. Head down, peering between his legs at the holder, the center snapper is as vulnerable to an on-rushing lineman as a hanging curveball is to Will Clark.

Fitzke said some teams concentrate their rush on the center while others send their kick-blockers around him. "You're in a position where you can really get killed," he said. The Husker

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## The Invisible Man

guards are supposed to "stick their hats" into his sides to seal off the on-coming rush, he said. It works most of the time, but Fitzke still takes his lumps, like a solid rap to the back of the head in the Kansas State game.

It did not affect the snap, and Fitzke said he tries to blank out any thoughts of poundings or bad snaps when he enters the game.

Fitzke has had the snapper's nightmare: the hike that sails over a punter's head. But it happened only once, in high school, and it led to a field goal by the opposing team, not a safety, touchdown or defeat.

"You try not to think about a bad snap. You try to think positive," he said. Once you don't, the worst will happen. Nerves, he said, might be what separates the snappers from the non-snappers.

The key to a good snap, he said, is getting a good spiral on the ball and getting the ball back quickly to the kicker.

An ideal punt is launched in under 2.0 seconds, said Fitzke, and a punter can make a split-second difference with a bullet or rainbow to the kicker.

On a field-goal or extra-point try, Fitzke looks at the holder (reserve quarterback Jerry Dunlap at home games; starter Gerry Gdowski on the road) and concentrates on his outstretched hand. Hit it, and the holder can place the ball in one easy motion; miss it, and timing and the kick could be off.

The kicking team takes about 12 kicks a practice, more on Thursdays when special teams get more of a workout.

Fitzke said he and Dunlap call themselves "the battery. It's like the pitcher and catcher in a baseball game," said Fitzke, a former high school catcher turned upside-down football "pitcher." Dunlap, he said, has saved some less-than-perfect hikes, and they both compliment each other after a successful kick.

Fitzke said he doesn't mind losing some playing time because of his role as the snapper. "It's kind of a bummer but I can see where Coach Tenopir is coming from," he said. "It doesn't bother me, I just want to do my part for the team."

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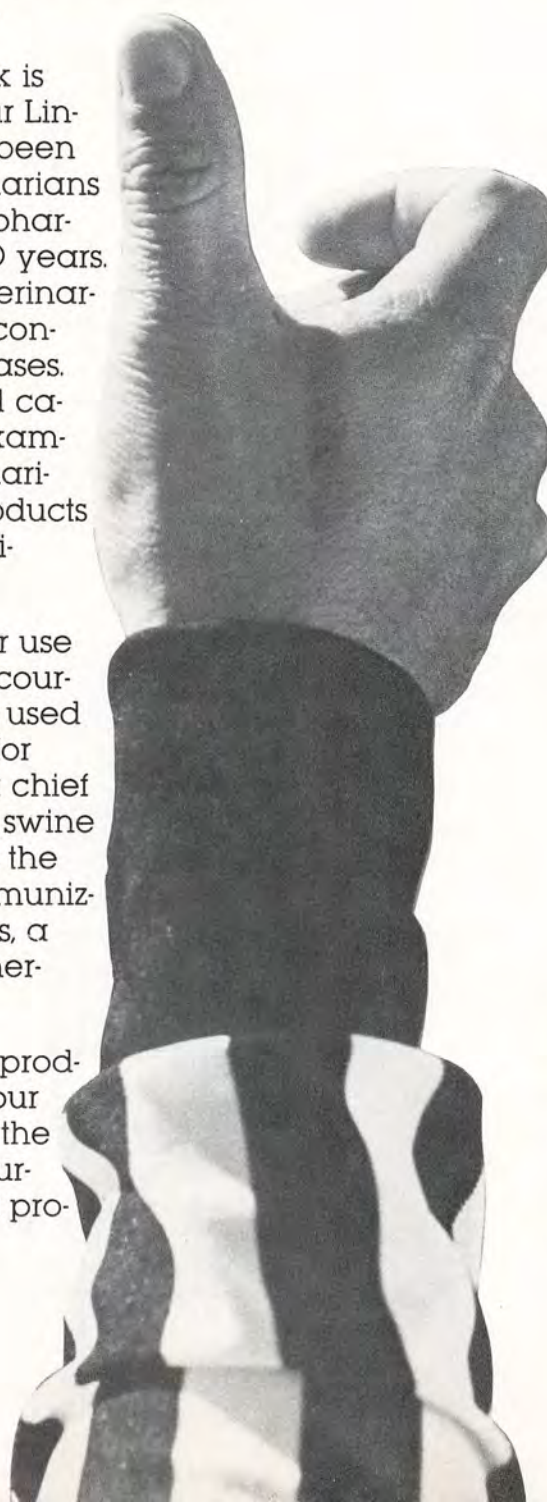
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## HUSKERS REVIEWED

Nebraska vs. Iowa State

# The Future Is Now

WITH ISU DISPOSED OF, NEBRASKA'S  
ATTENTION IS FOCUSED CLEARLY ON COLORADO.

By Rod Henkel

**L**INCOLN, Neb. — Finally, after disposing of Iowa State 49-17, Nebraska's football players could eye their upcoming confrontation with Colorado.

Post-game interviews centered around Saturday's NU-CU matchup, which will more than likely determine the Big Eight Conference championship and the automatic Orange Bowl berth.

Colorado, 8-0 after a 20-3 victory at Oklahoma Saturday, and Nebraska were ranked third and fourth, respectively, in both major wire service polls last week. Both own 4-0 league marks.

Members of the media have questioned Cornhuskers about the Buffaloes following recent games and NU players declined much comment.

Not so Saturday.

"A lot of people have been looking toward that game," said Nebraska quarterback Gerry Gdowski. "I'll admit, it's been hard to be focused. Now, we can turn our attention to Colorado."

But first came Iowa State to complete Big Red's pre-Colorado schedule, and the Cyclones appeared to have the full attention of the Huskers, particularly Gdowski.

The senior quarterback from Fremont, Neb., broke Steve Taylor's position rushing record with 176 yards on 17 carries versus ISU.

His four rushing TDs also established a new standard for Nebraska quarterbacks and tied the NU record for any player.

Gdowski found time to complete three of six passes for 62 yards, including two touchdowns, both to freshman wingback Tyrone Hughes.

By breaking the century mark for the third consecutive game, Gdowski upped his season rushing total to 759 yards, se-



NU's ground attack (here, Terry Rodgers) wore down the Cyclones.

Photo by Kent Morgan Olsen



cond only to Taylor's 826-yard performance a year ago.

Asked what would constitute a dream game, Gdowski responded, "Today would probably have to be pretty close. Today, I was very happy with the way I played."

Nebraska's entire offensive unit performed well, narrowly exceeding both season averages of 47 points and 521 yards. NU scored on seven of its 11 possessions.

The Cornhuskers ran the football on 61 of their 68 offensive plays and totaled 476 yards without their top rusher, senior I-back Ken Clark.

Redshirt sophomore Leodis Flowers subbed for Clark, who sat out with an ailing knee, and gained 118 yards on 16 carries, including a 61-yard, non-scoring scamper in the second period.

Flowers learned Friday of his initial starting assignment at Nebraska.

"It's been about three years since I started a ball game," Flowers said. "I felt I had to come in and play the best I could. You have to come in and play as hard as (Clark) would play."

NU's sophomore I-back was not the only first-time starter to face Iowa State.

Tyrone Legette, a sophomore cornerback, started his first game as a Husker, as did free safety Tyrone Byrd, a red-shirt freshman.

Hughes earned his initial career start with Richard Bell and Nate Turner battling injuries.

The redshirt freshman from New Orleans caught two second-quarter passes for his first and second career TDs.



**Flowers (23) filled in for Clark with 118 yards.**

His first scoring pass from Gdowski covered 16 yards and gave Nebraska a 21-10 lead with 5:03 remaining in the first half. The Husker duo teamed again, less than five minutes later, on a 25-yard touchdown strike.

"I had fun. I just ran the patterns," Hughes said. "I've been waiting for this for a long time. I was a little nervous, but I knew what I had to do."

The two Hughes TD receptions, plus a pair of Gdowski touchdown runs on Nebraska's first two second-half possessions, assured NU of its eighth win without a loss in 1989.

However, the Cyclones kept it close

through the opening 25 minutes and interesting until the final seconds.

Iowa State chose to play with a 17 mph wind when it won the coin toss and Nebraska took the ball.

Gdowski raced 74 yards to paydirt on NU's third offensive play, marking the longest TD run by a Nebraska quarterback since at least 1966. Records are not readily available prior to '66.

The Cyclones answered immediately with a 10-play, 66-yard scoring drive capped on a 3-yard touchdown by Blaise Bryant.

After forcing Nebraska to punt on its next possession, ISU drove 34 yards to the NU 37 before a Kenny Walker sack and a bizarre fourth-down play set up a Husker score.

Cyclone kicker Jeff Shudak set up for an apparent 58-yard field goal attempt with the wind, but holder and punter Judge Johnston stood up with the football and attempted a punt. The ball hit a Cyclone player and bounced backward to the ISU 38.

Nebraska scored four plays later as Gdowski kept around right end for 26 yards.

Like his second touchdown run, Gdowski often found running room on the option.

"They had their force man closer to the line of scrimmage," Gdowski said. "We had the tight end block the guy who usually takes me."

NU coach Tom Osborne added, "We thought the way they lined up, there were some option plays we could run."

The following six Iowa State plays netted 64 yards before Bryant fumbled without contact and NU's Reggie Cooper recovered. Gdowski fumbled the football back to the Cyclones two plays later.

This time, Shudak attempted a 46-yard field goal into the wind and his kick sailed through the uprights and into the stands.

Nebraska, leading 14-10, failed to capitalize after Shudak's onside kick went out of bounds at the ISU 39 when Chris Drennan's 53-yard field goal attempt sailed just wide left.

The Huskers marched 85 yards on their next eight-play possession and extended their lead to 11 points on Hughes' first TD catch. Flowers' 61-yard run set up the score.

## SCORING SUMMARY

### Nebraska 49, Iowa State 17

Iowa State.....	7	3	7	0	- 17
Nebraska.....	14	14	14	7	- 49

Neb — Gdowski 74 run (Barrios kick).  
 ISU — Bryant 3 run (Shudak kick).  
 Neb — Gdowski 26 run (Barrios kick).  
 ISU — Shudak 46 FG.  
 Neb — Hughes 16 pass from Gdowski (Barrios kick).  
 Neb — Hughes 25 pass from Gdowski (Barrios kick).  
 Neb — Gdowski 3 run (Barrios kick).  
 Neb — Gdowski 4 run (Barrios kick).  
 ISU — Bryant 11 run (Shudak kick).  
 Neb — Dunlap 1 run (Barrios kick).

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Taking the second-half kickoff, NU drove 80 yards before Gdowski counted his third touchdown, a 3-yard keeper. Fullback Bryan Carpenter contributed a 28-yard gain during the drive.

Gdowski's fourth and final TD, a 4-yard keep, came four plays after Walker recovered Cyclone quarterback Bret Oberg's fumble caused by Kent Wells.

Oberg directed a 10-play scoring drive that cut NU's lead to 42-17 with 1:24 remaining in the third period before his backup, Chris Pedersen, guided a 13-play possession that ended on Nebraska's 5.

Husker reserves then used more than seven minutes before fourth-string quarterback Jerry Dunlap snuck over from the 1 with 24 seconds to play.

The Black Shirts played a major role in Nebraska's ability to pull away from its guests on Homecoming Day.

Iowa State picked up 163 yards in the opening period and could manage just 185 yards the remainder of the game.

"Their blocking patterns weren't the same as we practiced. They ran freaky formations," said NU outside linebacker Jeff Mills. "Eventually we settled down and we played ball."

Iowa State utilized a spread offense much of the time, with Bryant carrying on draws or Oberg passing the football.

Oberg completed all eight of his first-quarter pass attempts and finished the game 14-of-23 for 158 yards. Bryant carried 24 times for 89 yards, the most yardage allowed by NU to a single player in 1989.

"A pretty good 1-2 combination," said Mills, referring to Bryant and Oberg. "I believe we played OK. We could play

better. We pretty much shut them down the second half."

Still, Iowa State managed to run three more offensive plays than Nebraska, 71-68, and the Cyclones controlled the football for 26 more seconds than NU.

"It seemed like a long time out there today," Osborne said. "We get comfortable when we're really stopping people and we weren't slowing them down, so I wasn't comfortable until about eight minutes left."

A glance at Nebraska's tackle totals indicates a sign of ISU's early success. With just two minutes gone in the se-

cond period, Cooper, a strong safety, had already recorded five solo tackles and assisted on two others.

Cooper finished with a team-high nine total tackles, while lineman Ray Valladao, Mills, and Byrd made eight stops each.

Wells made six tackles, including five leads, as did John Reece.

Walker twice sacked Oberg, Travis Hill caught the ISU quarterback for a 5-yard loss, and Reece sacked Pedersen.

Because of ISU's offensive formations, Nebraska used its dime defense

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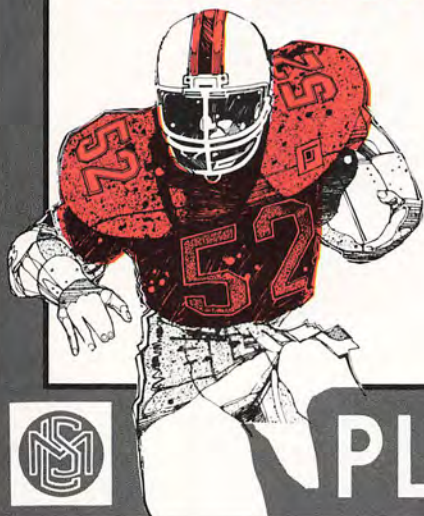


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**Carpenter (29) broke for 52 yards vs. ISU.**



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## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

### Gdowski Not Lost In Shuffle Anymore

**H**is performance against Iowa State prompted one reporter to ask Nebraska quarterback Gerry Gdowski if he had aspirations of winning the Heisman Trophy.

Gdowski politely replied no, an answer characteristic of the Husker senior.

Even after a day that included setting two NU records, Gdowski shared the credit.

"Anything I do, a lot of credit has to go to the linemen up front, receivers blocking, and anybody else," he said.

The senior from Fremont, Neb., took

his second carry of the day, the game's third play, and raced 74 yards for a touchdown. The play marked the longest TD run for a Nebraska quarterback since at least 1966.

Gdowski added three more touchdowns scampers, on carries of 26, 3, and 4 yards, to establish a new record for most TDs by a NU quarterback in one game.

Before he left the game for good with about 14 minutes remaining, Gdowski had gained 176 yards on 17 carries to eclipse Steve Taylor's quarterback rushing record of 157 yards.

"I can't understand why people are surprised with his play," said NU coach Tom Osborne. "He's a very good player."

Because the Nebraska running game was working so well, Gdowski threw only six passes. He completed three for 62 yards, including a pair of touchdown strikes to wingback Tyrone Hughes.

Gdowski's third consecutive 100-yard rushing day brought his season total to 759, just 67 yards shy of Taylor's single season record of 826 set a year ago.

He now has 1,544 yards of total offense in 1989, tops among Nebraska players. Gdowski cannot single out one reason for his success.

"It's a combination of a lot of things," he said. "There are so many threats on our team, maybe I get lost in the shuffle."

Opponents cannot afford to lose Gdowski in the future. ■

**Gdowski broke 2 records and another is within reach.**



Photo by Kent Morgan Olsen



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two-thirds of the time.

When the Black Shirts held the Cyclones on the NU 3 late in the game, defensive coordinator Charlie McBride used a blitz out of the dime.

"To tell you the truth, that was a shocking call," Mills said.

But ISU ran an offense that presented the unexpected. The Black Shirts have grown accustomed to facing unpredictable offenses in opponents such as Utah, Oregon State, Kansas State, and now the Cyclones.

Colorado, on the other hand, will utilize a more-predictable, Power-I offense.

"That makes me feel a little more comfortable," Mills said. "Against a team like Iowa State, you're back on your heels.

"Colorado is a running team. We're just going to match it up and strap it up and the best team will win."

Mills attempted to downplay the most important Big Eight game of the season, saying it represents just another step in the Huskers' year-long goal of a league title.



Wells (91) gets a sack, one of three for the Black Shirts.

Photo by Kent Morgan Olsen

Gdowski, though, admitted the Battle of Boulder will generate more emotion than usual among the Big Red players.

"I think next week is the game everybody dreams about. That's why you

come here — you want to play in this type of game," Gdowski said. "This sets up the match everybody else has been talking about."

And now the Cornhuskers can think *Colorado*. ■

Game	Score	First Downs Tot Ru-Pa-Pn	Rushing Att-Yds-TD	Passing Att-Com-Int-Yds-TD	Total Offense Att-Yds	Punting No-Avg	Fumbles No-Lost	Pen. No-Yds	Third Downs	T-of-P
@ NEBRASKA.....	48	24 19-5-0	47-470-4	13-8-1-102-2	60-557	2-42.5	5-4	5-40	1-6	24:41
No. Illinois.....	17	11 7-3-1	50-162-2	13-5-1-44-0	63-174	10-38.1	1-0	7-57	5-18	35:19
@ NEBRASKA.....	42	23 21-2-0	59-442-5	8-3-1-27-0	67-459	3-37.3	2-1	7-60	2-9	31:23
Utah.....	30	25 8-13-4	31-105-0	44-26-3-297-4	75-402	3-49.0	2-0	11-70	6-15	28:37
NEBRASKA.....	48	22 12-8-2	55-295-5	19-13-0-235-1	74-530	3-43.0	5-1	9-94	9-16	31:40
@ Minnesota.....	0	10 5-3-2	34-58-0	27-8-3-61-0	61-163	10-37.8	1-0	12-78	6-17	28:20
@ NEBRASKA.....	35	21 16-4-1	55-313-3	17-6-0-119-2	72-397	7-38.1	4-0	8-68	9-17	29:57
Oregon State.....	7	16 3-12-1	27-(36)-1	41-19-2-264-0	68-228	6-44.2	5-1	6-44	7-15	30:03
@ NEBRASKA.....	58	33 27-6-0	75-575-5	12-8-1-181-3	87-723	3-36.3	6-3	7-79	10-15	36:34
Kansas State.....	7	10 3-5-2	22-61-1	45-14-1-137-0	67-153	10-39.6	2-2	9-79	2-17	23:26
NEBRASKA.....	50	26 20-4-2	73-417-4	11-4-0-56-1	84-473	1-51.0	4-2	13-106	5-11	34:15
@ Missouri.....	7	17 6-7-4	36-117-1	31-15-1-148-0	67-265	7-31.6	3-2	7-71	1-13	25:45
NEBRASKA.....	48	26 14-10-2	54-316-4	29-11-0-195-2	83-511	7-32.3	2-1	3-30	8-18	32:06
@ Oklahoma St.....	23	16 5-10-1	33-42-0	33-16-1-305-2	66-347	7-44.6	6-3	4-30	5-15	27:54
@ NEBRASKA.....	49	23 20-3-0	61-476-5	7-3-0-62-2	68-530	2-38.5	1-1	3-34	8-13	29:47
Iowa State.....	17	26 16-9-1	47-190-2	24-14-0-158-0	71-348	2-10.0	4-3	6-44	6-13	30:13
NEBRASKA.....										
@ Colorado.....										
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# Garrett Fills In With Gusto

## SCOUT TEAM VS. IOWA STATE

A few months ago, he was just "Danny's little brother", and even though the references to the elder Noonan (now with the Dallas Cowboys) continue, David Noonan is gradually making a name for himself.

It was clear Noonan came from good stock when he signed last February. His brother was a 1986 All-American, one of the best noseguards in Husker history. Comparisons are inevitable, and some say David may be better at this point in their respective careers. The younger Noonan has already done his brother one better by earning this week's Defensive Scout Team Player of the Week honor.

"He's got the same work habits that Danny has," says NU coach Dan Young. "He's real strong and he works hard in the weight room. David has a lot of intelligence and football instincts and is a very competitive player. He needs to be more aggressive, but he's making big strides and is going to be a fine football player."

The 6-3, 240-pound Noonan came costown to Nebraska after a standout prep career at Lincoln Northeast. He is sitting out his first season at NU as a redshirt, spending his playing time on the defensive scout team, which this week had to add a twist to its usual looks.

"Iowa State does a lot of line stunts and twists with their defensive line," Young said. "David did a good job of picking that up, and he was helpful in getting other people lined up in order to give a proper look. He showed he was a good leader in that regard."

This week's offensive winner has been as unheralded as Noonan is known, but Cedric McDonald's efforts were just as impressive, as the Huskers geared for ISU and tailback Blaise Bryant. As an I-back, it was McDonald's assignment to simulate Bryant, one of the nation's leading rushers.

McDonald prepped in New Jersey and sat out last season after walking on at NU. According to Husker coaches, McDonald is redshirting this year in order to make a contribution next sea-

son, if not with size, then with a lot of heart.

"Cedric only weights 140-150 pounds," said NU coach Jack Pierce. "But he is one tough kid. He really battles for his yards, and he's got a lot of quickness that gets him through the line. Cedric's a gutty player and a good kid who can really hold his own out there."

## RECEIVER BLOCKING VS. IOWA STATE

The Huskers were injury-plagued. For Nebraska to play well against ISU, several young players would have to fill in, especially receivers. Receivers coach Ron Brown had lost No. 2 tight end William Washington, starting wingback Richard Bell was hurt, and still others were not at full strength. But their replacements played well.

Sophomore tight end Chris Garrett is one example. Honorable mention a week ago, Garrett earned Blocker of the Week against ISU.

"Chris, overall, blocked pretty well," said Brown. "He was in a lot of one-on-one situations because he was matched up with the outside linebacker on the option. He did an excellent job."

"The thing he has needed to do is maintain his blocks, and I thought he showed as much aggressiveness as he has all season."

Garrett earned a team-high 33 points and led in four of the five blocking categories. Freshman wingback Tyrone Hughes, making his first start, showed flashes of brilliance. Hughes chalked up big numbers in both catching and blocking, earning honorable mention notice along with senior split end Chip Bahe, who added 10 blocking points.

"Tyrone played a fine game," Brown said after Hughes caught two TD passes for 41 yards and tallied 14 blocking points. "He had a pretty good day blocking and did a nice job on the option cutting down the linebacker, which really opened things up."

The Huskers may be able to open things up a little more next week because Brown expects his receivers to be near full strength for Colorado, and this

week's replacements will be more experienced.

"I thought they responded pretty well," he said. "We still have some guys who are pretty sore, like Morgan Gregory and Nate Turner, but they were able to contribute against Iowa State. I think Richard and William are ready, but we didn't want to use them a lot and risk getting them hurt. It's best for the team that they are willing to get healed, while people like Tyrone and Chris and Mark Dowse are able to get some valuable experience."

## ISU TOTALS

**Point of attack:** Garrett 18; Kratzenstein 16; Hughes 8; Dowse 6; Bostick 5; Bahe 4; plus Turner, Bell, Devall, Leise 1.

**Knockdowns:** Garrett 9; Kratzenstein 6; Dowse, Hughes 3; Bahe, Devall, Turner 2; Bostick 1.

**Extra effort:** Gregory, Dowse 5; Kratzenstein, Bahe 4; Hughes, Garrett, Devall 2; Turner, Bostick 1.

**Stones:** Garrett 1.

**Blazers:** Garrett 3; Kratzenstein 2; Gregory, Dowse, Hughes 1.

## ISU TOTALS (By Position)

**Tight ends:** Garrett 33; Kratzenstein 28; Leise 1.

**Wingbacks:** Dowse 15; Hughes 14; Turner 4; Bell 1.

**Split ends:** Bahe 10; Bostick 7; Gregory 6; Devall 5.

## SEASON LEADERS

**Point of attack:** Washington 107; Kratzenstein 96; Garrett 58.

**Knockdowns:** Kratzenstein 41; Dowse 25; Washington 22.

**Extra effort:** Bahe 57; Kratzenstein 38; Gregory 27.

**Stones:** Bell, Gregory, Garrett 2.

**Blazers:** Washington 16; Kratzenstein, Garrett 11.

## SEASTON LEADERS (By Position)

**Tight ends:** Kratzenstein 178; Washington 159; Garrett 93.

**Wingbacks:** Bell, Dowse 78; Turner 57.

**Split ends:** Bahe 85; Gregory 77; Bostick 39. ■



## NOTES & QUOTES

Iowa State coach Jim Walden: "There's not much to say. They're a bigger, stronger, deeper football team that one day I'd love to be even close to. They wore us out. We're tired. This is our third week of this type of competition.

"We got beat by a good team, but I can't tell you how frustrating it is to keep trying to play against this type of competition with what I'm having to do it with. You can call it whining. You can call it anything you want to. I call it an injustice and I'm sick of it.

"I've watched walkons and freshmen go out there and try to stop five-year seniors on great teams. I take nothing away from Nebraska and Tom. He's not my problem. The problem is that you guys have to watch it."

Nebraska extended several streaks against the Cyclones. The Huskers ran their NCAA-record string of consecutive sellouts to 166 as 76,321 fans watched. NU has now won 12 straight against ISU since a 24-21 loss in Lincoln in 1977.

Nebraska kicker Chris Drennan missed a 53-yard field goal attempt, marking only the second failed try for NU kickers in 10 attempts this season.

Two Cyclone coaches own ties with Nebraska. Head coach Jim Walden played quarterback at Wyoming for Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney and later served on Devaney's NU coaching staff with Tom Osborne from 1969-72. Jimmy Burrow, ISU's defensive backs coach, was a standout defensive back at Nebraska from 1972-74.

Osborne now holds a 166-36-2 record in his 17th year as a head coach. He is 15-2-0 versus Iowa State.

NU leads the series against Colorado, 34-12-1, including victories in 20 of the past 21 years. The only Buffalo win versus Nebraska since 1967 occurred in '86, when CU won 20-10 in Boulder.

**On the cover:** Freshman wingback Tyrone Hughes hauls in one of his two touchdown receptions against Iowa State. Photo by Kent Morgan Olsen, using a Nikon F45 camera with a 300mm f2.8 ED-IF lens with a TC 16A teleconverter, shot at 1/1,500 of a second at f4.5, using Kodacolor 400 Gold print film. Custom printing of Nebraska-Iowa State game action by Photo Factory of Lincoln, Neb. ■

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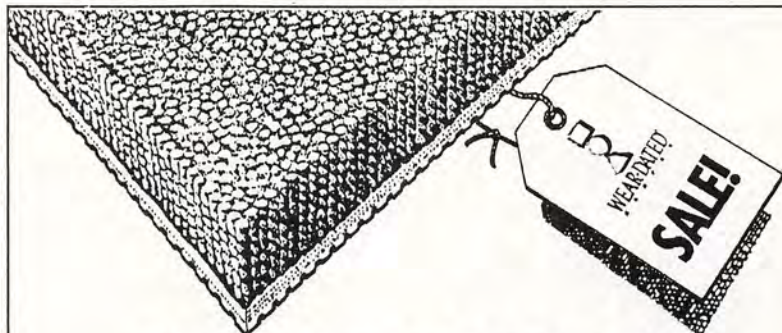
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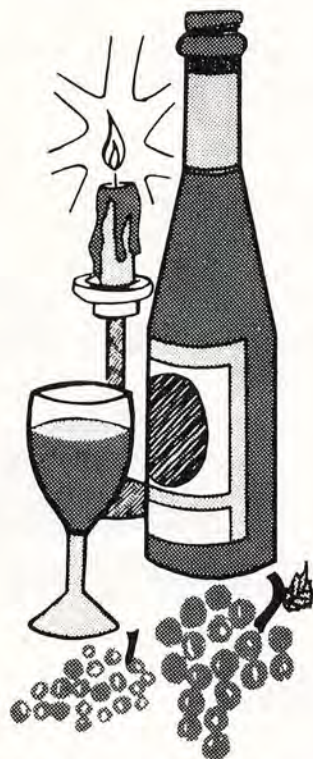


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## STATE OF THE HUSKERS

By Mike Babcock

### Buffs On A Mission

**T**he time of reckoning in the Big Eight is at hand. Only this season, the principals are Nebraska and Colorado instead of Nebraska and Oklahoma.

"Colorado's in the hunt now and here to stay," Coach Bill McCartney said after CU beat Oklahoma 20-3.

"This win means a lot to this program because it puts us in a position to play the biggest game ever."

In all likelihood, the winner of the Nebraska-Colorado game will represent the Big Eight in the Orange Bowl. The Buff haven't been to Miami since 1976, when they shared the title with OU and Oklahoma State.

They haven't won a Big Eight championship outright since 1961.

"They've got a lot of incentive," said Cornhusker defensive coordinator Charlie McBride, a lineman on that Colorado team in 1961.

The Buffs, who beat Iowa State 52-17 two weeks ago, are on a mission, ISU quarterback Bret Oberg said following his team's 49-17 loss to Nebraska.

"People on a mission do great things," said Oberg.

Colorado's mission has drawn inspiration from the death of quarterback Sal Aunese in September, following a battle with stomach cancer.

The Buffaloes have dedicated this season to Aunese. They wear the name "SAL" on their jersey sleeves, and they've made him an honorary captain.

After the win over OU, Darrin Muilenburg, a senior offensive guard, said: "We knew it was going to be emotional in the first half because this is the one game that Sal wanted to come to."

The Buffaloes have drawn closer together emotionally.

"They can use Sal Aunese's death however they want. They can use all the inspiration they want. But they still have to strap it up and play some football. And so do we," said NU's Jeff Mills.

The senior outside linebacker and co-captain is ready for CU. "We'll let them do all the talking," he said. "I don't view them as the pinnacle of the Big Eight, the greatest team in the world. We're undefeated and they're undefeated."

"The best team will win, not the one

with the most pub(licity)."

Colorado is probably the team with the most publicity, if for no other reason than the Buffaloes have emerged from the considerable shadows of Nebraska and Oklahoma this season.

Since early in the season, nearly everyone predicted the Cornhuskers and Buffaloes would be unbeaten and untied going into their nationally televised showdown. So it's natural to assume that some players on both teams have been looking ahead to it.

But not Mills.

"People can make whatever they want out of it. It's just another game to me," he said. "We didn't set out to play Colorado this season. We set out to win the Big Eight championship. It's not the only game we play."

Now, however, it's obvious the road to a second consecutive conference title goes through Folsom Field.

It's also obvious that to travel the road, Nebraska will have to slow down Colorado's option offense, directed by sophomore quarterback Darian Hagan. And to do that, "we'll have to play our base defenses," said McBride.

Colorado's offense is a "glorified Wishbone; that's all it is," McBride said. "They've got a quarterback who does a lot on his own. You can stop a play per se, but who knows where their quarterback is going to go. So you've got to be totally disciplined."

Hagan is the Buffaloes' leading rusher with 708 yards. Tailback J.J. Flannigan is close behind with 702 yards.

Tailback Eric Bieniemy, who ranked sixth in the nation in rushing yardage last season, had run for 561 yards before suffering a broken fibula in the sixth game. He's expected to return to action against the Cornhuskers.

Colorado's running attack also depends on fullbacks and a large and veteran offensive line.

Nebraska's defense, almost always successful at shutting down top-notch backs, will be seriously tested.

In the 1980s, only 16 backs have rushed for 100 or more yards against Nebraska, half of them from OU.

One of those 16 was Flannigan, who



replaced an injured Bieniemy in last season's 7-0 loss to the Cornhuskers and gained 133 yards on 27 carries.

The Huskers have had the third-best rushing defense in the country in the past decade, and they've ranked first or second in the Big Eight in rushing defense six of the last eight years.

The Cornhuskers have done well for two reasons, according to Mills.

"One, when a guy is a big-time back, we're going against one-on-one blocking. Beat your guy and get the ball. If you don't, the coaches here will find someone who can," he said prior to the Iowa State game.

"The other reason is that we see some great backs in the spring, and during the fall, our scout team guys are no slouches, either."

Iowa State provided a test, of sorts. Tailback Blaise Bryant came to Lincoln ranked first in the Big Eight and fifth in the nation in rushing offense, averaging 129.2 yards a game.

He managed 89 yards against NU, the most by anyone this year.

Iowa State threw 24 passes against

Nebraska and ran the ball 47 times, gaining 190 of its 348 total yards on the ground. The 190 rushing yards were also the most by any team this fall.

But "we didn't see an option or an 'iso' (isolation play)," said McBride. "We didn't prepare anything for next week by playing these guys."

Nebraska will go from defending "no backs to three backs," said McBride. "But it's not going to be as hard for us to prepare for Colorado as it was preparing for Iowa State. We worked all spring on option football."

Offensively, the Huskers are "as close to Colorado as any team there is," he said. "The formations are a little different, but the plays are the same." In that respect, preparing for CU will be easier than preparing for the Cyclones.

"I feel more comfortable going into a game like that (Colorado). You worry about it, but at least you know what to expect. In a game like this, you don't know what to expect."

Nevertheless, "we got a little smash-mouth ball in today," said Nebraska

defensive tackle Kent Wells.

That's what Nebraska will have to play to be successful against Colorado. But the Huskers can't be lulled into thinking that's all they must do. The Buffs "will put you to sleep with the run, then hammer you with a pass or a reverse," said McBride.

"That's what they beat us on three years ago," 20-10 in Boulder.

The key is discipline. Defensive players have to carry out their responsibilities, even when it appears they ought to help out a teammate.

Defensive backs must cover both the pass and run. "The main concern I have is our secondary, with all those young guys," McBride said.

In any case, national attention will focus on Folsom Field Saturday.

McBride would like to see Bieniemy return for the game.

"Hey, let's play them at full strength; let's do it right. Then there won't be any excuses one way or the other," said McBride.

The time has come. "It's going to be World War III," said Wells. ■



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# STATISTICS

## GAME-BY-GAME PASSING STATISTICS

	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TOTAL
Dunlap, QB	0-0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0-0				1-0-0-0-0
Gdowski, QB	8-6-1-83-1	6-3-0-27-0	15-10-0-180-1	14-5-0-110-1	6-4-1-112-1	7-3-0-41-1	24-10-0-170-2	6-3-0-62-2				86-44-2-785-9
Grant, QB	DNP	DNP	3-2-0-34-0	1-1-0-9-1	4-3-0-40-1	3-1-0-15-0	5-1-0-25-0	1-0-0-0-0				17-8-0-123-2
Haase, QB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				0-0-0-0-0
Joseph, QB	5-2-0-19-1	DNP	1-1-0-21-0	2-0-0-0-0	2-1-0-29-1	1-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0				11-4-0-69-2
McCant, QB	0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				1-0-1-0-0

LEGEND: Attempts-Completions-Interceptions-Yardage-TD

## GAME-BY-GAME RUSHING STATISTICS

	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TOTAL
Bell, WB	2-39-0-33	4-38-0-18	1-0-0-0	5-82-0-48	4-18-0-7	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0				16-177-0-48
Bobolz, WB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				0-0-0-0
Carpenter, FB	2-11-0-11	5-102-1-29	5-21-0-7	2-10-1-8	6-57-1-31	8-29-0-11	5-22-0-6	5-52-0-28				38-304-3-31
Clark, IB	14-168-1-47	22-130-1-22	18-100-2-16	20-59-1-6	22-166-2-30	17-125-1-36	21-85-2-14	DNP				134-833-10-47
Devall, WB	INJ	INJ	INJ	0-0-0-0	INJ	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0				0-0-0-0
Dowse, WB	1-10-1-10	DNP	2-10-1-7	0-0-0-0	2-12-0-9	1-9-0-9	0-0-0-0	1-7-0-7				7-48-2-10
Dunlap, QB	1-(4)-0-0	1-1-0-1	DNP	0-0-0-0	2-(20)-0-(10)	DNP	DNP	2-1-0-1				6-(22)-0-1
Flowers, IB	11-65-2-14	5-21-0-15	8-46-2-37	3-20-0-12	4-77-1-67	3-15-0-8	5-66-1-52	16-118-0-41				55-428-6-67
Gdowski, QB	5-74-0-36	15-98-3-19	7-36-0-20	12-47-1-16	10-81-1-23	12-122-2-34	14-125-1-28	17-176-4-74				92-759-7-74
Glantz, DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0				0-0-0-0
Grant, QB	DNP	DNP	4-32-0-16	3-28-0-21	4-28-0-12	9-55-0-15	5-8-0-6	2-15-0-10				27-166-0-27
Haase, QB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-2-0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP				1-2-0-2
Hughes, WB	1-(1)-0-0	1-(2)-0-(2)	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-5-0-10	0-0-0-0	5-5-0-5				10-7-0-10
Johnk, FB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-6-0-6	0-0-0-0	2-6-0-4	1-15-0-15	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0				4-27-0-15
Joseph, QB	5-14-0-17	DNP	1-0-0-0	3-32-0-15	5-43-0-16	9-20-1-7	0-0-0-0	3-31-0-21				26-135-1-21
McCant, QB	1-53-0-53	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				1-53-0-53
McDuffy, IB	1-1-0-1	0-0-0-0	5-18-0-7	0-0-0-0	3-15-0-7	DNP	DNP	1-5-0-5				5-21-0-7
Prater, WB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0				0-0-0-0
Rodgers, IB	INJ	INJ	INJ	4-5-0-9	8-51-0-15	9-9-0-5	3-9-0-5	6-37-0-8				30-111-0-20
Reynolds, DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				0-0-0-0
Schmidt, FB	1-4-0-4	3-10-0-5	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-6-0-6	1-13-0-13	1-1-0-1	2-7-0-5				10-41-0-14
Soto, FB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				DNP
Turner, WB	2-21-0-14	3-34-0-23	3-26-0-14	0-0-0-0	INJ	INJ	INJ	1-14-0-14				9-95-0-23
L. White, IB	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-(5)-0-8	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0				3-(5)-0-8

LEGEND: Attempts-Yardage-TD-Long

## GAME BY GAME RECEIVING STATISTICS

	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TOTAL
Bahe, SE	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0				0-0-0-0
Bell, WB	1-7-0-7	1-2-0-2	5-121-1-34	1-16-0-16	3-71-0-42	1-11-0-11	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0				12-228-1-42
Bobolz, WB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				0-0-0-0
Bostick, SE	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-60-1-60	3-77-2-41	0-0-0-0	5-99-2-35	0-0-0-0				9-236-5-60
Carpenter, FB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-29-1-29	0-0-0-0	1-22-0-22	0-0-0-0				2-51-1-26
Clark, IB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-14-0-14	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP				1-14-0-14
D'Alesio, TE	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0				0-0-0-0
Devall, WB	INJ	INJ	INJ	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0				0-0-0-0
Dowse, WB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-9-1-9	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0				1-9-1-9
Garrett, TE	1-12-1-12	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-11-0-11	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0				2-23-1-12
Gregory, SE	3-41-0-12	2-25-0-17	1-5-0-5	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-45-1-19	2-36-0-19	0-0-0-0				11-152-1-29
Hughes, WB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-4-0-4	0-0-0-0	2-27-0-15	2-41-2-25				5-72-2-25
Kratzenstein, TE	2-39-1-28	0-0-0-0	2-20-0-12	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-11-0-11	1-21-0-21				6-91-1-28
Leise, TE	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0				0-0-0-0
Makell, WB	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				0-0-0-0
McCoy, SE	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ	INJ				0-0-0-0
Pleasant, SE	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				0-0-0-0
Prater, WB	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0				0-0-0-0
Turner, WB	1-3-0-3	0-0-0-0	5-89-0-26	1-9-0-9	INJ	INJ	INJ	0-0-0-0				9-101-0-26
Washington, TE	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	INJ				0-0-0-0
L. White, IB	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0				0-0-0-0

LEGEND: Catches-Yardage-TD-Longest

## GAME BY GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TOTAL
E. Anderson, CB	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				0-0-0; 0-0
L. Anderson, DT	2-0-2; 0-0	DNP	1-1-2; 1-8	2-0-2; 2-17	0-0-0; 0-0	0-2-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0					5-3-8; 3-25
Brown, DT	1-3-4; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				1-4-5; 0-0
Brungardt, DT		0-1-1; 0-0	3-0-3; 1-1	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 2-11	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				5-1-6; 3-12
Byrd, FS	0-1-1; 0-0	3-1-4; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	3-0-3; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-3-3; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	5-3-8; 0-0				16-9-25; 0-0
Callendo, LB	2-1-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 2-7	0-0-0; 0-0	2-3-5; 2-9	1-3-4; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				7-8-15; 4-16



# GAME BY GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS, cont.

	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	TOTAL
Cooper, SS	3-2-5; 2-5	8-2-10; 1-2	1-2-3; 0-0	4-0-4; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	5-3-8; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	7-2-9; 0-0				31-10-41; 3-7
Cotton, SS	2-0-2; 1-18	2-1-3; 0-0	0-2-2; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0				8-4-12; 1-18
Crippen, CB	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	4-0-4; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	3-1-4; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				8-2-10; 0-0
Croel, LB	3-1-4; 2-9	3-1-4; 0-0	4-2-6; 2-6	6-2-8; 2-15	0-1-1; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	2-0-2; 1-2	2-2-4; 0-0				22-10-32; 7-32
Dobesh, SS	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				0-0-0; 0-0
Engelbert, NG	1-2-3; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	4-2-6; 2-18	2-0-2; 0-0	1-2-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				9-6-15; 2-18
Geiken, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0				1-0-1; 0-0
Hagge, LB	1-3-4; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	1-3-4; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0				7-7-14; 0-0
Hedrick	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				0-0-0; 0-0
Hicks, CB	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-0-3; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				3-0-3; 0-0
Hill, LB	3-0-3; 1-1	2-0-2; 1-3	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 1-10	2-0-2; 1-10	1-4-5; 1-1	1-0-1; 0-0	4-0-4; 1-5				16-4-20; 6-31
Jobman, LB	1-1-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-2-2; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-2-2; 0-0	3-0-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				4-6-10; 0-0
Keast, LB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				0-0-0; 0-0
Koellner, NG	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				0-0-0; 0-0
Kurtz, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				4-0-4; 0-0
Legette, CB	1-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	4-0-4; 0-0				9-1-10; 0-0
T. Lewis, CB	1-1-2; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				15-3-18; 0-0
Miller, DT	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				0-0-0; 0-0
Mills, LB	3-4-7; 1-5	2-0-2; 1-1	3-3-6; 2-11	2-0-2; 1-5	0-0-0; 0-0	2-2-4; 0-0	5-1-6; 0-0	7-1-8; 0-0				24-11-35; 5-22
Mohnsen, LB	1-1-2; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				1-1-2; 0-0
Monarrez, NG	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	INJ	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				0-0-0; 0-0
Murray, NG	2-1-3; 1-4	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 1-2	0-1-1; 0-0	3-0-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				8-2-10; 1-6
Olson, FS	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP				1-0-1; 0-0
Petko, LB	3-3-6; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	2-4-6; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	3-1-4; 0-0	4-1-5; 1-2				18-11-29; 1-2
Pickens, CB	2-0-2; 0-0	5-1-6; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	6-0-6; 2-18	2-0-2; 0-0				19-3-22; 2-18
Reece, DB	2-1-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-2-3; 0-0	1-0-1; 1-7	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	5-1-6; 1-7				13-4-17; 2-14
Sanders, FS	3-1-4; 0-0	2-1-3; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	INJ				13-5-18; 0-0
Sims, DT	3-1-4; 1-2	3-0-3; 1-12	2-0-2; 1-7	0-1-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				10-4-14; 2-14
Spitzenberger, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1; 1-9	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				1-0-1; 1-9
Svehla, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				3-2-5; 0-0
Thomas, FS	1-0-1; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				3-0-3; 0-0
Tyrance, LB	4-6-10; 1-4	6-3-9; 0-0	3-2-5; 1-2	4-3-7; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	2-4-6; 1-1	3-1-4; 1-9	2-1-3; 0-0				28-21-49; 4-16
Valladao, DT	2-1-3; 0-0	2-1-3; 1-5	INJ	0-1-1; 1-10	1-0-1; 0-0	0-1-1; 1-4	0-0-0; 0-0	3-5-8; 0-0				8-9-17; 3-19
Walker, DT	0-0-0; 0-0	1-1-2; 1-2	1-0-1; 0-0	1-0-1; 1-7	0-0-0; 0-0	0-1-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	3-2-5; 3-12				8-4-12; 5-21
Wells, DT	1-3-4; 0-0	3-0-3; 3-21	1-0-1; 1-2	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-3-3; 0-0	3-1-4; 1-3	5-1-6; 0-0				13-8-21; 5-26
Wendland, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				0-0-0; 0-0
D. White, LB	0-0-0; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0	4-1-5; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	1-1-2; 0-0	2-2-4; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	2-0-2; 0-0				13-4-17; 0-0
F. White, SS	0-0-0; 0-0	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	1-0-1; 0-0	3-0-3; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0				5-0-5; 0-0
Zacharais, LB	1-0-1; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0	0-0-0; 0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0; 0-0				1-0-1; 0-0

Legend: Unassisted Tackles-Assisted Tackles-Total Tackles; Tackles for Loss-Yardage Lost

## NEBRASKA GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA
SE	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory	Gregory			
LT	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt	Punt			
LG	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek	Wanek			
C	Young	Young	Young	Young	Edeal	Young	Young	Young			
RG	Roschal	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora	Bobbora			
RT	Glaser	Wiegert	Engstrom	Wiegert	Glaser	Glaser	Glaser	Glaser			
TE	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein	Kratzenstein			
QB	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski	Gdowski			
FB	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter	Carpenter			
IB	Clark	Clark	Clark	Clark	Clark	Clark	Clark	Flowers			
WB	Bell	Bell	Bell	Bell	Bell	Bell	Bell	Hughes			

DEFENSE	NO. ILLINOIS	UTAH	MINNESOTA	OREGON ST.	KANSAS ST.	MISSOURI	OKLA. STATE	IOWA STATE	COLORADO	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA
OLB	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills	Mills			
LT	Sims	Sims	Sims	Sims	Sims	Sims	Sims	Valladao			
NG	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray	Murray			
RT	Wells	Wells	Wells	L. Anderson	Wells	Wells	Wells	Wells			
OLB	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel	Croel			
SLB	Jobman	Petko	Petko	Petko	Petko	Petko	Petko	Petko			
WLB	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance	Tyrance			
LCB	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens	Pickens			
RCB	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Legette			
SS	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper			
FS	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Sanders	Byrd			

Please note that statistics for the most recent game are compiled in the press box. However, changes may be made throughout the season to reflect official coaches' evaluations after grading film.



# Loss of Aunese Unites Buffs, Provides Emotional Edge

**Chuck Green, *Daily Nebraskan*, Lincoln, Neb.:** "This is a game everybody has been waiting for. It's Nebraska's first real test of the season, but it's just another big game for Colorado. Unfortunately for the Huskers, this is probably the biggest game in Colorado's history."

"I really believe that, right now, Colorado is the best team in the country. The injury to Eric Bieniemy didn't really hinder the Buffs that much because J.J. Flannigan has stepped in and done a great job. The Buffs have a terrific defense and it'll be sky-high to stop Nebraska. The Huskers, on the other hand, have been playing well lately. But even Coach Osborne admits that the Huskers haven't played the schedule that CU has. Add to this the fact that Sal Aunese's death has been a big inspiration, and you have the makings of a pretty depressing day for Nebraska and its fans."

"People aren't going to like this prediction very much, but it's from the head and not the heart. **Colorado 38, Nebraska 17.**"

**Jeff Shearer, KDUH-TV, Scottsbluff, Neb.:** "This has to be the game of the year. The Huskers will finally get to face a team that is their equal. As usual, Nebraska is loaded with great running backs, leadership at quarterback, depth and big-play guys on both sides of the ball."

"But this is the year of the Buffalo. Colorado may have its best team ever and, for the first time in the Bill McCartney era, he has a team that matches up with Nebraska. There are two reasons why I'm picking the Buffs over Nebraska: (1) this game is in Boulder and (2) the sad loss of Aunese has left Colorado unified and inspired. **I'll say that the Buffs will prevail 31-21.**"

**Brad Fuqua, *Grand Island Independent*, Grand Island, Neb.:** "This is Colorado's game of the year. Even if the Buffs were 1-8, this game would still be big because the Buffs have designated the Nebraska game as *the* rivalry. It doesn't help the Huskers that CU isn't 1-8, but that they are one of the best teams in the nation."

"Nebraska and Colorado are the conference's top two rushing and total offense teams. The Huskers are at the top in total defense, a statistic that will have a bearing on this game. Despite Bieniemy's hampering injury, the Buffs are loaded at running back. Flannigan is no slouch. Darian Hagan and Flannigan are among the rushing leaders in the Big Eight. Hagan owns the highest rating points of any QB in the league. The Buffs have plenty of offensive firepower and the Black Shirts will find that out quickly."

"The word on the streets is that this is the year for CU to break the string of Nebraska/Oklahoma Big Eight titles."

I don't think so. **Nebraska will shock the Buff fans and win 38-24."**

**Jon Ryan, *Columbus Telegram*, Columbus, Neb.:** "It's been about 18 years since Colorado and Nebraska have had such a well-balanced clash. The last couple of years were close, but the Huskers were holding a slight edge in talent. CU has had an edge in emotion for the last several years, including the Buffs' win in 1986 in Boulder."

"The two quarterbacks are different and each means a lot to the team. The skill positions are filled with talent on both sides, even though injuries have hampered both teams. The linemen, both offense and defense, are seasoned for both teams. There are a lot of stars on defense for both teams. As for the coaches, Osborne's record speaks for itself and McCartney is being touted as a winning coach for the turnaround he oversaw at CU. NU has played well on the road while CU has played well everywhere. Both teams are loaded with talent and speed but the Buffs have an edge in emotion and they are playing for a cause named Aunese. **Colorado 31, Nebraska 28.**"

**John Martinez, *North Platte Telegraph*, North Platte, Neb.:** "It's show-down time as far as Nebraska and Colorado are concerned. Year in and year out, the Buffs would rather beat the Huskers than any other team on their schedule. This time, they have a legiti-



Shearer



Fuqua



Green



Martinez



Ryan



mate shot at winning this game.

"The Buffs have been riding an emotional high all season. On Saturday, they may be even higher than their designated opponent. The Huskers will be up for the game, but they'll have to overcome injury problems. This game is a tossup. It may come down to turnovers and the kicking game. **On a home-state pick, I'll say NU 17, CU 14.**"

**Jim Headley, *Sidney Telegraph*, Sidney, Neb.:** "Sorry Huskers, but I feel a slight edge goes to Colorado but only by two points at 23-21. The Aunese factor is just too much to overcome for most teams, including the Huskers. Plus, CU is at home.

"The Buffs play well on the road as well as at home. But Colorado and Nebraska have fans of the same breed — die-hard. These two teams hate each other and their rivalry is only surpassed by the OU-Nebraska game. Bieniemy looks to be back for this game and he is a serious candidate for a lot of yard-



**Stanton**

age. He will give NU a run for their money and the Black Shirts are just not used to having to fight to win.

"Colorado may be too confident. If anyone can break the Buffs' 'We're just too great to be beaten' attitude, it's the

Big Red."

**Roger Stanton, *Football News*, Detroit, Mich.:** "I stick with the class people. This doesn't take anything away from Colorado, it's just that Nebraska has won so many big games and so many bowl games that they will have a better feel for a big-stakes showdown. Nebraska has faced the pressure before and won.

"I know that Tom Osborne has pointed to this game all season long even though he's been able to keep it in perspective. This will be Nebraska's second time around in Boulder since the upset win by Colorado in 1986. I was at that game and I honestly think it was a case where Nebraska overlooked Colorado and simply played poorly.

"It will be very close, **but Nebraska will win by three points.**

"This will be a momentous game, especially for Colorado. That's why I favor Nebraska: They play for the Big Eight title every year." ■

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# Colorado Buffaloes

Quarterback. That was his team's biggest concern, Colorado coach Bill McCartney told the Big Eight Skywriters in late August. "We're three-deep in receivers, and the rest of our players we start (on offense) are good, very good," he said.

But the key to success for any offense is the man behind the center. And sophomore Darian Hagan was essentially untested in August. As a result, "we'll be conservative early," said McCartney.

Conservative? The Buffaloes swept through their non-conference schedule, with their closest game being a 45-28 victory over Washington in Seattle. That game, more than any other, illustrated Colorado's strength, according to Iowa State coach Jim Walden.

Having coached at Washington State, Walden was extremely familiar with how difficult it is to beat Washington at home, not to mention dominate Coach Don James' Huskies the way Colorado did. It was then that the Buffaloes edged past Nebraska in the national rankings. They were for real. Everyone agreed.

Hagan is one reason. But there are many others.

The Buffaloes have a big, experienced offensive line, which includes tackles Mark Vander Poel (6-8, 305) and Bill Coleman (6-5, 270), guards Darrin Muilenburg (6-4, 280) and Joe Garten (6-3, 280) and center Jay Leeuwenburg (6-3, 265), the only non-returning starter.

That interior line, rated the second-best in the nation by *The Sporting News*, has started intact throughout the season, rarely allowing Hagan to be sacked and opening holes for three of the top 10 rushers in the conference, Hagan, J.J. Flannigan and Eric Bieniemy.

Bieniemy, who ranked sixth in the nation in rushing last season, suffered a broken fibula in a 52-17 victory over Iowa State. But Flannigan, a prep All-American, stepped in and Colorado's offense didn't miss a beat. Talk is, both will play against Nebraska.

Not surprisingly, the Buffaloes, along with Nebraska, have ranked among the nation's leaders in rushing offense, scor-



Eric Bieniemy

ing offense and total offense throughout the season.

Hagan hasn't thrown much, but he's been extremely efficient.

The foundation of Colorado's defense is outside linebackers Kanavis McGhee and Alfred Williams and tackle Arthur Walker. The three have given themselves the nickname "H-Boys" because they're all from Houston and they've brought Houston-style defense to Colorado.

"Defense in Houston is the best," says Walker, who's 6-4 and 255 pounds and runs the 40-yard dash in :04.82. "We love hitting, the contact. We like to punish, not get punished."

The Buffaloes are particularly punishing against the run. Inside linebacker Michael Jones has been the team's leading tackler.

Senior wide receiver Jeff Campbell is among the nation's leaders in punt returns. Nebraska fans should remember Campbell, who scored a touchdown on a 39-yard split end reverse in Colorado's 20-10 upset of the Cornhuskers at Boulder in 1986.

Junior punter Tom Rouen is being touted for All-American recognition, even though he's having trouble meeting the NCAA minimum requirement to be included among the national statistical leaders.

In addition to outstanding talent, Colorado has drawn on the emotion following the death of quarterback Sal Aunese from inoperable stomach cancer in late September. The season has been dedicated to him.

**Strengths:** Rushing offense, rushing defense, kicking. The Buffaloes are strong just about every place you look.

**Weaknesses:** The secondary was questionable at the beginning of the season, but it seems not to have been a problem.

**Key matchups:** They'll be everywhere.

**Statistically:** The Buffaloes and Cornhuskers are among the nation's leaders in most offensive and defensive categories.

**Players to watch:** Hagan, McGhee, Flannigan, Bieniemy (if he plays), Walker, Williams, Jones, Campbell.

**Last week:** Colorado beat Oklahoma, 20-3, in Norman.

**Next week:** The Buffaloes play at Oklahoma State. ■

## Nebraska vs. Colorado

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 4, 12:40 p.m. (MST).

**Where:** Folsom Field, Boulder, Colo.

**Media coverage:** CBS television, national air time 12:30 p.m. (MST). Live radio broadcast on the Nebraska Football Network.

**Buffalo facts:** Coach — Bill McCartney, 49, is in his eighth season as a head coach, all at Colorado. Going into this season, his career record was 35-44-1. School colors — Silver, Gold and Black. Nickname — Buffaloes. Enrollment — 23,325. Conference — Big Eight. Basic offense — Power-I. Basic defense — 3-4.

**The Series:** Nebraska leads 34-12-1. The Buffaloes' victory in 1986 ended an 18-game losing streak to Nebraska. It was CU's first victory over the Cornhuskers in Boulder since 1960.



## A Lot Of Incentive

**Head coach Tom Osborne:** "Iowa State's got a very fine team. They do a lot of things well. They have a good offensive concept, a good offensive line, a real fine running back, a fine quarterback. That's about all it takes.

"We played pretty well. I told the offense we had to score every time we had the ball. Gdowski had a very good day. He had a fine day running and he threw pretty well.

"We didn't get murdered on the pass. We didn't give up the deep ball. I was disturbed by some of their draw plays.

"It was a hard game. It wasn't any pushover. Their coaching staff had done a good job. They're a very well-coached football team, especially on offense.

"We knew they had a good offense so our defense would be hard-pressed. We ran our standard defense early, then we went to our dime because they were running the ball well."

**Defensive coordinator Charlie McBride:** "They've got a good concept. We really didn't anticipate playing as many draws. What we had to do was guess with them and the last touchdown we guessed wrong. That was my fault and not the players'.

"We had set a goal of 10 points. Down deep, I thought if we held them to 17 points we'd do pretty well.

"Our kids played much better as the game went on in the secondary. Teams can't adjust quickly enough and (Cyclones) take the ball right away. We did pretty well in the second half. I was satisfied with the way we played.

"We sure as heck didn't prepare for next week playing this game. The thing is, to have an offense like (ISU's), you don't have to have the great linemen. You need guys who can catch it and a guy that can throw.

"In order for us to continue to beat teams like that, we have to continue to recruit kids in the secondary. We played mostly man, under coverage against them. I saw some pretty darn good defensive plays by our secondary players the second half.

"We have never talked to the players about Colorado. This team (ISU) can beat you. You start fooling around with

Colorado... we needed every minute we could get on Iowa State. They scored 40 points last week against a good football team. "Our offense is probably as close to Colorado's as any team there is. The formations are different, but the plays are primarily the same.

"You have to play your bases against a team like Colorado. You have to be to-

tally disciplined in your defense and hope for the best.

"It's not going to be as hard for us to prepare for Colorado as it was for Iowa State. We don't see an option or we don't see an iso or we don't see a sweep.

"I feel more comfortable going into a game like that. You know what to expect.

"This is their chance to win a Big Eight Championship. They haven't done it since 1961. They have a lot of incentive."■

### CORNHUSKER 2-DEEP

#### OFFENSE

SE	19	Morgan Gregory	5-11	190	sr.
	4	Jon Bostick	6-2	190	so.
LT	78	Tom Punt	6-8	285	jr.
	77	Terry Eymann	6-6	265	jr.
LG	66	Jim Wanek	6-1	255	jr.
	64	John Roschal	6-3	280	sr.
C	68	Jake Young	6-4	270	sr.
	58	David Edeal	6-2	285	jr.
RG	69	Bill Bobbora	6-3	265	sr.
	61	Erik Wiegert	6-4	270	so.
RT	70	Doug Glaser	6-7	295	sr.
	63	Steve Engstrom	6-3	285	jr.
TE	85	Monte Kratzenstein	6-3	230	sr.
	89	William Washington	6-2	245	fr.
QB	14	Gerry Gdowski	6-0	190	sr.
	2	Mickey Joseph	5-11	175	so.
FB	29	Bryan Carpenter	5-10	205	sr.
	25	Sam Schmidt	6-1	225	sr.
IB	32	Ken Clark	5-10	200	sr.
	23	Leodis Flowers	5-11	200	so.
WB	21	Richard Bell	6-0	205	sr.
	22	Nate Turner	6-2	220	so.
K	44	Gregg Barrios	5-8	180	jr.

#### DEFENSE

OLB	42	Jeff Mills	6-4	235	sr.
	93	Travis Hill	6-2	230	fr.
LT	75	Ray Valladao	6-3	255	sr.
	56	Joe Sims	6-3	285	jr.
NG	74	Mike Murray	5-10	240	sr.
	97	Pat Engelbert	6-2	245	so.
RT	91	Kent Wells	6-5	280	sr.
	90	LeAndre Anderson	6-4	245	jr.
OLB	88	Mike Croel	6-3	225	jr.
	96	David White	6-2	225	fr.
SLB	37	Mike Petko	6-2	225	so.
	55	Randall Jobman	6-3	235	sr.
WLB	40	Pat Tyrance	6-2	240	jr.
	49	Chris Caliendo	6-2	240	sr.
LCB	38	Bruce Pickens	5-11	190	jr.
	45	Jon Crippen	5-10	170	jr.
RCB	3	Tyrone Leggette	5-9	170	so.
	5	Tahaun Lewis	5-11	175	jr.
SS	17	Reggie Cooper	6-3	205	jr.
	24	Curtis Cotton	6-1	195	so.
FS	8	Tyrone Byrd	5-11	170	fr.
	1	Will Thomas	6-0	170	so.
P	47	Mike Stigge	6-1	190	fr.

### BUFFALO 2-DEEP

#### OFFENSE

WR	84	Jeff Campbell	5-9	170	sr.
	18	M.J. Nelson	5-9	155	sr.
LT	77	Bill Coleman	6-5	270	sr.
	76	Ariel Solomon	6-6	275	jr.
LG	62	Joe Garten	6-3	280	jr.
	64	Greg Gould	6-5	275	sr.
OC	52	Jay Leeuwenburg	6-3	265	so.
	57	Neil Schlesener	6-3	275	jr.
RG	63	Darrin Muilenburg	6-4	280	sr.
	79	Russ Heasley	6-4	265	so.
RT	72	Mark Vander Poel	6-8	305	jr.
	78	Bryan Campbell	6-4	260	fr.
TE	87	John Perak	6-6	240	sr.
	81	Jon Boman	6-4	235	so.
QB	3	Darian Hagan	5-10	185	so.
	4	Charles Johnson	5-11	165	so.
FB	33	Erich Kissick	6-0	225	sr.
	22	George Hemingway	6-1	225	jr.
WB	9	Mike Prichard	5-11	180	jr.
	42	Michael Simmons	5-9	200	jr.
TB	2	J.J. Flannigan	6-0	195	sr.
	31	Matt Bell	5-8	185	fr.
K	28	Ken Culbertson	6-4	180	sr.

#### DEFENSE

OLB	94	Alfred Williams	6-6	230	jr.
	53	Greg Biekert	6-3	220	fr.
LT	83	Arthur Walker	6-4	275	sr.
	97	Marcellous Elder	6-6	285	fr.
NT	93	Joel Steed	6-3	280	so.
	95	Garry Howe	6-0	265	jr.
RT	99	Okland Salavea	6-5	260	sr.
	90	Jim Hansen	6-6	250	fr.
OLB	96	Kanavis McGhee	6-5	250	jr.
	98	Mike Motley	6-2	225	jr.
ILB	48	Terry Johnson	6-1	220	jr.
	32	David Brown	6-2	230	jr.
ILB	59	Michael Jones	6-2	230	sr.
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Nebraska got its first recruit early this year when Lincoln East's Rob Zatechka announced he gave his oral commitment to sign a national letter of intent to accept a Nebraska scholarship next February.

Zatechka, a 6-6, 275-pound offensive tackle, was offered scholarships by Stanford, Iowa and Iowa State and was heavily recruited by many other schools. He is No. 1 in his class with an A-plus (perfect) grade-point average at East. The son of the director of housing at Nebraska, Zatechka suffered through shoulder separations his junior year and underwent reconstructive surgery on each shoulder. He played through his senior season with a stress fracture in his right foot.

"He is going to be a good one," Lincoln East line coach John Henry said. "Nose-to-nose on the line, he is a big load for anybody."

NU defensive backs coach George Darlington said he is more confident in his secondary than ever before because of the players' ability to play man-to-man defense. "Since we got Brian Davis and Charles Fryar as our first real cornerback recruits at cornerback, we've gone and gotten more and more and we're confident they have the speed to get it done." Freshman John Reece is a prime example. He is the backup free safety, backup cornerback and is called upon to do a number of things in every game.

NU sophomore linebacker Mike Petko said he is more confident every game he plays. "My decisions on our defensive calls are better because now I can make a fairly intelligent decision on check calls," he said.

Wingback Tryone Hughes, a red-shirt freshman from New Orleans, said he took a lot of heat when he chose Nebraska over Louisiana State two years ago. "My dad works at a Chevrolet dealer and they had signs up saying, 'Hodson to Hughes,' talking about LSU's quarterback Tommy Hodson. But I'm happy with my choice."

Hughes, who wears No. 33, the same number worn by wingback Dana Brinson a year ago, has two nicknames. "Some call me 'Quick Six,' because I'm supposed to be a threat to score every time I get the ball. Others call me 'Baby Rock,' because Dana was known as 'D-Rock.' I don't care as long as I earn their respect."

Hughes and sophomore wingback Mark Dowse, of Broken Bow, are getting more and more playing time as injuries have slowed starters Richard Bell and Nate Turner. "We can ask Mark to do everything we ask of the two veterans because Mark will make up for his lack of experience with aggressiveness," NU receivers coach Ron Brown said. "With Tyrone we are teaching him about blocking. But he is electrifying when he has the ball. He can do so many things and he can be so exciting, we ask him to do some different things."

Hughes is the first true wingback from high school the Cornhuskers have recruited. Bell was a quarterback. Turner a split end. Dowse was an I-back. "It's kind of a luxury to be able to recruit a true wingback," Brown said. Vernon Powell, a recruit last year, will play wingback and was a quarterback in high school.

Middle guard Mike Murray said he is pleased when Nebraska faces running teams. "I don't get much playing time when we face the passing teams and go to the dime. That's why the games with Colorado and Oklahoma have me really pumped up," he said. "I think our dime is very good, but like always around here, we're a running defense first and then a passing defense. We just have to make sure we do it all right and get the job done."

Outside linebacker Jeff Mills said the key to Nebraska's success this year has been the fact that the team is all on the same level. "In the past, there were guys who were on a star level. This year, there are no stars and everybody supports everybody else. That's going to make a difference because you can count on the guy next to you and you want to have him count on you, too."

Mills, a senior, said the defense, from the starters to the scout-team players, are all in tune with the system. "You've seen a lot of substitutes come in and play very well and that's a good sign."

Colorado will not be retiring the late Sal Aunese's jersey at halftime of the Nebraska game, according to Colorado sports information director Dave Plati. "We'll probably wait a couple of years," he said. Colorado has dedicated its season to the former quarterback who died of cancer this fall. The Buffaloes have raised money, through scoring points, to help offset the Aunese family medical costs. ■



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By Mike Babcock

## Point of Attack

AS THE 1989-90 SEASON NEARS, POINT GUARD  
LOOMS AS A CRITICAL POSITION.

**T**he point is... Clifford Scales.

The cover of a Big Eight Conference basketball yearbook includes a photograph of Nebraska's Clifford Scales with the notation: "The Future Is Now For Nee's Upstart Huskers."

If that's true, then Scales, a junior from Maywood, Ill., must play an important role for the Cornhuskers, who finished seventh in the conference last season. Certainly, Rich King will be the focus of Coach Danny Nee's fourth Nebraska team. At 7-2, King is the Big Eight's tallest player, and as such, he can be a dominant force.

But for King to be effective, someone has to get him the ball, in a position

where he's comfortable and at the right time. Behind every good big man, there's a good point guard. And at Nebraska, that point guard is Scales.

"It's becoming a very important position," says Nee, who's been searching for the right individual to play the point ever since Brian Carr completed his eligibility three years ago.

"You're in big, big trouble without a good point guard to give you leadership and control the tempo of the game," Nee says.

Carr was the prototypical point guard. He provided leadership and controlled the tempo. He could handle the ball. He could pass. He understood his team-

mates and could communicate with them. And he was unselfish, almost to a fault.

Carr didn't shoot enough. Nee had to remind him, constantly, to take the open shot.

Carr was a senior Nee's first season at Nebraska. "I just walked into that," says Nee.

His second and third seasons with the Cornhuskers, though, Nee didn't have a true point guard. He had to make do with converted off guards. Henry Buchanan was Nebraska's No. 1 point guard two seasons ago. And last season, Eric Johnson took the responsibility.

Buchanan and Johnson both gave it their best shot. "But it wasn't a natural position for either one of them," Nee says.

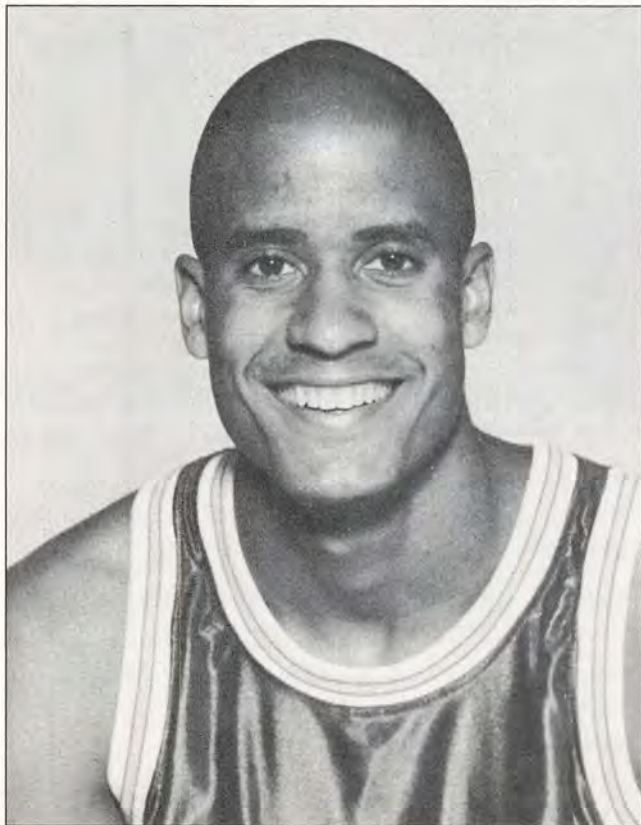
When the position doesn't come naturally, "it's hard," he says.

Like his immediate predecessors, Scales doesn't come by point guard naturally. He was an off guard and forward at St. Joseph High in Westchester, Ill. He was essentially an off guard his first two seasons at Nebraska, occasionally giving Johnson a breather at the point.

"When I was a freshman and sophomore and Coach Nee would ask me to play the point, I'd shy away from it," Scales says. "Now it's my job, and I'm very comfortable with it."

Scales has the temperament as well as the skill to play the point, according to Nee. "He's just a winner," says Nee. "I don't think we're asking him to do anything he's incapable of doing. He understands he's going to have to do a lot of things for us."

A point guard mentality usually isn't learned on a playground, growing up. At its most basic level, basketball is shooting the ball, putting it in the goal.



Clifford Scales



The qualities a point guard must possess can't be learned outside of an organized team context.

"The point guard has to have a high basketball IQ, an awareness of the other four guys' strengths and weaknesses," Nee says. "He has to know the strategy of time and score."

Point guards are commonly regarded as quarterbacks. Interestingly enough, Keith Moody, a transfer from Hagerstown (Md.) Junior College and the Cornhuskers' back-up point guard, was an outstanding high school quarterback in Herndon, Va., and originally accepted a football scholarship from Virginia Tech.

Moody, a 5-10, 190-pound junior, has the personality it takes, both to fit in as a transfer and to play the point. "He doesn't rub people the wrong way; he's got a lot of character," says Nee.

Scales seconds Nee's opinion of Moody. "He's been impressive," Scales says.

Nevertheless, it appears Moody's role will be to come off the bench and either give Scales a rest or allow him to move to off guard in certain situations. Fitting in at the point takes time.

"You've got to be with the guys for a while," says Scales. "Right now, it's difficult for Keith to know when to do certain things."

Scales and King have grown up in Nebraska's program. They were freshmen together. They traveled to Australia with the rest of the Cornhuskers two years ago, and they returned to Australia last summer as members of the Big Eight all-star select team.

As a result, they've established a line of communication that goes beyond the spoken word. Scales knows, instinctively, when and where to get King the ball. He knows that "sometimes Rich wants a lob pass and sometimes he doesn't because he's not in position for his shot."

Scales concentrated on playing point guard for the Big Eight select team, coached by Kansas' Roy Williams. He and Oklahoma State's Darwyn Alexander alternated at the position.

Alexander, the leading three-point shooter in the conference last season, "helped me a lot, not by talking but by example," Scales says. "He showed me how to run the break, when to slow up and when to push it."



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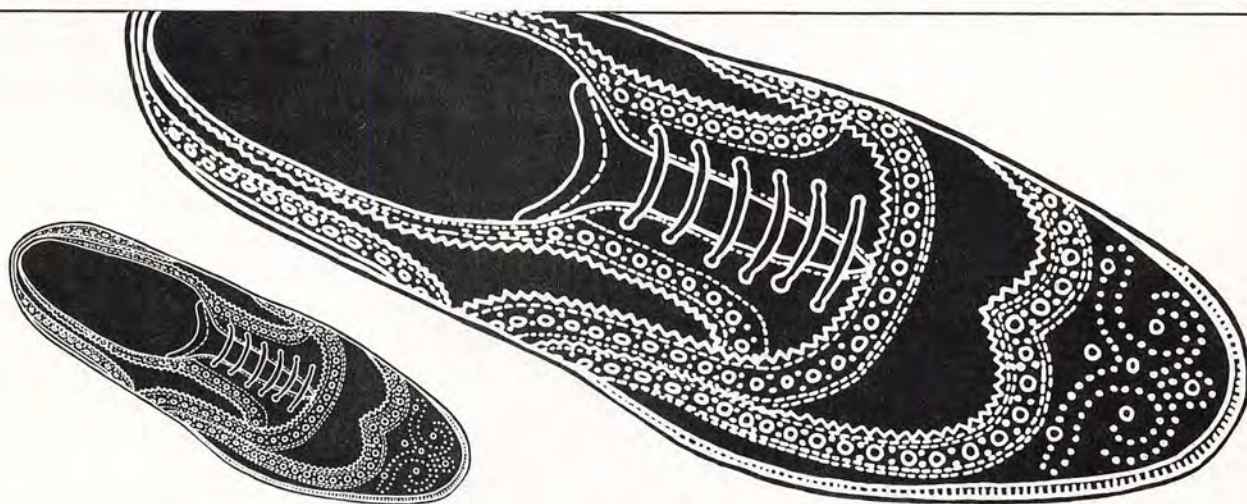
Scales had the lowest scoring average on the select team — 4.8 points per game over the nine-game exhibition schedule. But he had the most minutes played, and he was second to Alexander in both assists and steals. He fouled out only once.

Scales was third among the Cornhuskers in minutes played last season, behind Johnson and Beau Reid.

He averaged 9.4 points per game, on 48.2 percent field goal shooting, and was credited with 88 assists. Going into this season, "I was looking to get my (scoring) numbers up," says Scales. He was, that is, until he committed himself to becoming the best point guard he could be.

Playing the point "takes a little of my aggressiveness (on offense) out," he says. "I like to penetrate, go to the basket. I can't do that as much anymore. I have to look for other people, look for the pass first before looking for my shot.

"But I saw this coming. Coach Nee



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never said it would be my position. But he's always talked to me about playing the point."

Scales has gotten in the right mindset for point guard. "I think I've got the physical skills," he says. "It's more mental. You put five people on the court, and they all want to win. You have to work with people, understand them. I've been around Rich (King), Richard (van Poelgeest) and Beau (Reid) so I know what they want."

Nee plans to meet regularly with his point guards this season, something he's never really done in the past.

"We have to talk about what we're trying to do, offensively and defensively, and say, 'Here's your role.' Every day that changes," Nee says. "It might amount to tapping the big guys and saying, 'Today I'm going to do a better job of getting you the ball.' Brian Carr knew how to do that. He could talk to the big guys, and they would listen to him."

Carr also accepted the anonymity that sometimes goes with playing point guard. Magic Johnson has made point guard a high-visibility, glamor position in the NBA, and the Chicago Bulls have talked about using Michael Jordan at point guard some.

But the football quarterback analogy doesn't necessarily hold up on that court. A football quarterback invariably gets credit for a team's success and criticism for its failure. A point guard might be criticized for his inability to get the ball up court against a pressing defense, but he often is forgotten at the offensive end of the court.

"You make one of the greatest passes in the world; the guy dunks it, and people will notice the guy who dunks it," says Scales. "That just comes with the territory."

If Nebraska is to enjoy any success this season, Scales must make the adjustment to point guard. And if the Cornhuskers are successful, he'll enjoy his share of publicity.

"You can get a lot of attention playing on a winning team," Scales says.

At least one preseason publication says the future is now for Nebraska. "But you can't keep saying that," according to Scales.

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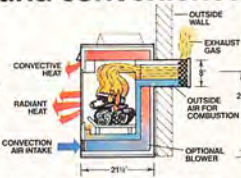


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# Sniff, Sniff

THE JVs ENJOYED THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS, A 40-16 WIN, BUT TURNOVERS CAUSED A STENCH.

By Dirk Maley

Sometimes awesome, other times not.

That's certainly one way of describing the performance of the Nebraska junior varsity football team in its game against Iowa Central Community College played Oct. 20 in Lincoln before a crowd of 1,355 spectators.

Mostly, it describes the performance of the NU offense.

At times, the offense played brilliantly.

At other times, the offense, to borrow from Coach Shane Thorell, "stunk up the place."

Even so, Nebraska managed to win, and quite handily actually, 40-16, despite committing seven turnovers in the contest.

And like they say, a win is a win is a win.

Afterward, though, Thorell expressed his disappointment with the NU offense.

"We were too sporadic on offense. . . we had way too many turnovers," offered Thorell.

"We have a good team, but we're making a lot of stupid mistakes," added Thorell, whose team upped its record to 2-1-1 with the win.

"I think we need to develop a little more composure on offense. We need to build upon the good things we did offensively and eliminate the negative things."

Certainly negative was the fact Nebraska lost three fumbles and threw four interceptions.

But certainly positive was the fact Nebraska still managed 439 yards of total offense, 277 on the ground and 162 through the air.

Also positive was the fact that both NU quarterbacks, starter Marvin Callies and backup Jeff Lindquist, threw a touchdown pass in the game.

Callies also had a fine day running the ball, gaining 70 yards on 15 carries and scoring the first touchdown of the game from 14 yards out.

Sophomore running back Lamont White also had a fine game, picking up 84 yards on 13 carries, but no touchdowns.

Actually, White did score from 59 yards out in the fourth quarter, but the play was called back because of a holding penalty.

Wingback David Seizys had a great game as well, catching two passes for 55 yards.



In fact, it was a 27-yard touchdown pass from Lindquist to Seizys with 1:01 remaining in the second quarter which gave Nebraska its biggest lead of the first half at 17-9.

"It's been a dream of mine ever since I was real little to play here; and to score a touchdown is just really, really fabulous," offered Seizys, a walkon from Seward.

"After I caught the pass, I was looking to get upfield just as fast as I could. And when the play was over, I right away looked for any flags."

Fortunately, for Seizys, for Lindquist, and for Nebraska, there were no flags and the play counted.

It was a big, big play, giving Nebraska some much-needed momentum.

Up to that point, the game was practically dead even. Actually, Nebraska led by just one point, 10-9, thanks to the touchdown run by Callies and a 35-yard field goal by Tim Kehret.

Early in the second quarter, Iowa Central took its only lead of the game when Lindquist was tackled for a safety at the 13:15 mark.

And it wasn't until nine minutes later that Nebraska regained the lead on Kehret's kick.

Nebraska's offense may have had its problems the first half, but not the defense.

Iowa Central did manage a touchdown, that on a 4-yard run by fullback Chuck Fitzgerald but only after recovering a fumble at the Nebraska 7-yard line.

While the halftime score was close, Nebraska, by far, had the better statistics — 275 yards of total offense, compared to just 111 for Iowa Central in the first half of play.

And it was a balanced attack on the part of the NU offense, which showed in the first half statistics — 156 yards on the ground and 101 through the air.

It was a tough, hard-fought ball game, though, at least for a half.

"We knew they were going to be tough," offered Jeff Jamrog, assistant JV coach in charge of NU's linebackers.

"They were 5-1 coming in and they'd beaten Iowa State and some other teams. We weren't taking them lightly, not by any means. They're well disciplined and that fullback of theirs is a very tough runner to bring down.

"But we wanted to redeem ourselves on defense after giving up 38 points to Air Force (the game before).



Dunlavy (top) ran for 34 yards, while the defense (left) held ICJC to only 7 first downs.





**Defensive pressure forced Iowa Central to punt nine times.**

"Today, we gave up one long play and that was it. From a defensive standpoint, we really did a good job."

The long play occurred late in the third quarter, with Nebraska up by 25 points at the time.

Iowa Central quarterback Jeff Varga hit tight end Tyji Armstrong on a short pass, but Armstrong managed to elude two tacklers and go 70 yards for a touchdown.

Take away that play and Nebraska's performance in the third quarter was simply awesome.

Kehler got things going in the third stanza with his second field goal of the game, this one from 42 yards out, to put Nebraska up 20-9.

Three minutes later, Callies hit receiver Dan Pleasant on a 40-yard touchdown pass.

Then, less than two minutes later, Nebraska scored yet another touchdown when Jason Mez blocked a punt and teammate Jamie Weyers recovered it in

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## Scholarship Players Continue to Improve

**B**ased on its play against Iowa Central Community College, Nebraska looks to have a good group of scholarship athletes on this year's junior varsity football team.

Quarterback Marvin Callies, from East Bernard, Texas, had an outstanding game against the Iowa Central Tritons, rushing for 70 yards and one touchdown and completing five of eight passes for 116 yards and one touchdown. He has great athletic ability, according to head JV coach Shane Thorell.

Along the offensive line, three scholarship players have contributed to Nebraska's success in 1989: Bart Furrow from Fort Collins, Colo.; Lance Larson from Moorhead, Minn. and Lance Lundberg from Wausa, Neb. Furrow was a two-time all-conference selection in high school, Larson was named Minnesota's Player of the Year his senior year in high school and Lundberg was an all-class all-state lineman on an eight-man team at Wausa. According to Thorell, "All three are progressing well and doing a real fine job. They're probably as good a group of scholarship linemen as I've seen in my three years as head freshman coach."

Along the defensive line, middle

guard Jerry Irons from Woodlands, Texas, has made great strides according to Thorell. At 6-1, 276, he is a huge physical specimen. Against Iowa Central, Irons made one tackle and recovered a fumble before leaving the game with a knee injury.

Defensive tackle Kevin Ramaekers from Norfolk, Neb., was one of several players who had five tackles in the game against Iowa Central. Like Irons, he is very big (6-3, 286). Says Thorell, "He's been slowed a little by injuries, but he's going to be a good player down the road."

Against Iowa Central, linebacker Daren Williams of Chicago made his first start with the Nebraska junior varsity team a highly successful one, leading the team with six tackles, five of them unassisted.

"Here's a guy who hasn't been starting, but he's really improved," Thorell said of Williams. "His technique has gotten much better. He looks to have a good future here."

Lastly, there's strong safety Chad Hunter from Garland, Texas.

"Chad was hurt and couldn't play against Iowa Central," said Thorell, "but he's also been showing signs of improvement."

the Iowa Central end zone.

In addition to the blocked punt, Mez, a walkon linebacker from Falls City, Neb., made five tackles in the game.

Actually, all of Nebraska's linebackers played well.

In fact, NU's leading tackler was Daren Williams of Chicago, who made six tackles in all, five unassisted.

Like Mez, linebacker Matt Penland was also credited with five tackles.

And yet two others on the defense, lineman Kevin Ramaekers and cornerback Mike Heins, also finished with five tackles.

Nebraska has just one game remaining now, that against Waldorf Junior College on Friday, Nov. 3. (Note: kickoff for the Waldorf game, to be played in Lincoln, has been pushed up one hour and will begin at noon. Those unable to attend the game in person can

catch all the action on a tape-delayed basis the following morning, beginning at 8:30, on the Nebraska ETV Network.)

It's an important game to Nebraska because NU could finish the season with a highly respectable record.

At this point, however, Thorell is more concerned that the entire team gets better.

"It's just that today we took a step back offensively and a step forward defensively," offered Thorell.

"Hopefully, after our game with Waldorf, we can feel good about every phase of the game — offense, defense and special teams."

Already, the Nebraska players are thinking the very same thing.

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"Hopefully against Waldorf, we'll

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## RECRUITING

By Pat Quinn

# As Tough As They Come: Outside Linebackers

**“W**e don’t use the term defensive end anymore,” is the first thing Nebraska off-campus recruiter Jack Pierce says about the outside linebacker, a position that takes a very special athlete to play.

Oklahoma assistant head coach Merv Johnson says, “The combined requirements of technique, strength and sheer athletic ability eliminate a lot of players as outside linebackers. I think it’s one of the most difficult, if not the most difficult, position to play on defense.”

Even with all of these imposing requirements, Nebraska fans have been spoiled by the play of outside backers like Broderick Thomas, Jimmy Williams, both All-American Cornhuskers

in the 1980s, plus other great names like Billy Weber, L.C. Cole and Tony Samuel, the latter the present outside backer coach for the Huskers.

To provide such talent, the Husker staff searches for these premier athletes from coast to coast. They know what it takes and it’s no wonder the starter and first alternate at both outside linebacker posts on the 1989 varsity are out-of-state players.

To be specific, the left outside backers for the Huskers are Jeff Mills (Montclair, N.J.) and Travis Hill (Houston, Texas) while the other flank is protected by Mike Croel (Sudbury, Mass.) and David White (New Orleans, La.). Ironically, two of these present-day Nebras-

ka players may have a great influence on a couple of future hopeful Huskers.

Hill’s little brother, Trent, is regarded as “the best defensive line prospect in Texas,” while White has a teammate at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, Chris Covert, who is a prime outside backer prospect.

“The outside backer doesn’t need to be as large as the inside linebacker,” Pierce relates. “He has to be able to run, as well as play down lineman on occasion. Quite often, we’re looking at a high school strong safety with growth potential.

“Without doubt, Thomas is the best we’ve ever had at Nebraska,” Pierce continues. “He weighed 240, was quick

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— probably 4.6 in the 40 — had great balance and knowledge of the game. He was one of the most intense players in practice I've ever seen.

"You know a young man who might have to play two different line positions, plus be involved with pass coverage, has to be an alert and smart athlete."

These inflexible requisites make top-notch outside linebacking prospects far more scarce to find than class valedictorians. In all of our musings through the various recruits by positions, none had the academic standings of the prospective inside linebackers. But, the outside backers were close. Very close.

Trying to pick the top four in this category found us with three already well above the minimum academic standard (the fourth is very close) and one of them possibly projected as a down lineman.

One of two reasons Yates High School in Houston will be flooded with college coaches is Aubrey Beavers, a 220-pound hunk who can legitimately run a 4.6 (the second reason is inside linebacker DeShannon Campbell, mentioned in a previous article). He's already logged an 840 SAT and according to one recruiting service is the equal of Trent Hill (mentioned above). Oddly enough, he's projected as a marvelous down line prospect and his early choices indicate thoughts about Notre Dame, Nebraska and Miami (Fla.).

Remember the name of Jesse Armstead from last year, the linebacker from Dallas, who was regarded as best in the nation? The only other player on the All-Dallas area team who was a unanimous choice was another backer, Jesse Cox of DeSoto. Cox earned this honor as a junior and will be hounded by a lot of schools this season, with Baylor and Texas supposedly in the lead. He's just an eyelash from matching Beavers in quickness and while no test scores have been recorded, most say he'll make it.

Clemson and South Carolina will lead a mad charge for Lawrence Mitchell of Conway, S.C. One recruiting service claimed, "He's the best drop end prospect in the nation." Though he possesses great physical tools, he might be a marginal student, so the Tigers and Gamecocks will have to turn a deaf ear to the condescending remarks of some

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of the self-appointed academic zions of the collegiate game.

While Texas might be in the running for Cox, hometown prospect Ken Alexander of LBJ High School reportedly wants to leave the state. By Lone Star standards this is heresy but mainly because Alexander is a 3.9 student, bench presses 390 pounds and has good speed. One recruiting service made the rash claim, "He's good enough now to play on Sunday."

In New Jersey, a prime hunting ground for the Huskers, there is Leroy Cooper of East Orange. He's fluid, quick (4.6) and averages 11 tackles a game. He attended summer camp at Rutgers and although he barely missed on his first SAT test, he took SAT preparatory courses in September and he plans to deal with this after the football season ends.

In Florida, they claim Dexter Nottage is "the best pass rusher anywhere," but his lackadaisical attitude toward his

studies don't enhance his image. Some say he's articulate and sensitive, so the grades may be only a temporary hurdle. His physical attributes are outstanding.

Some don't feel Kansas high school football is as fundamentally advanced as other states and this is the only knock on lanky Steve Harvey of Leavenworth. Without any organized weight program, he benches but 280 pounds, but there's room to grow. He's a 3.0 student in a good system, has great speed (4.56) and has been visited by Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Missouri and Oklahoma State. It might be wise to remember, OSU got Barry Sanders out of Wichita when nobody else cared.

ACC schools are licking their chops over William Collins of Asheville, N.C., now that he has produced a 710 SAT score. At 4.5, he's the fastest of all the outside backer hopefuls and some ACC schools admit they are looking at him as "a large tailback." Collins benches 315 pounds and early preferences show

he wants to stay in the area.

There are a trio of Texans to add to the above: David Tisdell (Terrell), Ricky Ceasar (Houston Northbrook) and Adonis Dismuke (Dallas Roosevelt). Tisdell, a top-notch student, is strong enough to play inside and quick enough to play outside. He'll be rushed by a lot of schools.

Ceasar has been on several Southwest Conference schools' lists for three years. He runs a 4.55 and will get bigger. Dismuke surfaced last spring and is having a good fall, although many admit he's a big, quick but raw talent. While each is rated among the Top 100 players in Texas, we often fail to appreciate this statistic until we're reminded that 270 Texas high school gridders signed Division I-A letters of intent last season.

Chris Cowert comes from a good high school league playing for St. Augustine in New Orleans. One recruiter says, "He's a great prospect, if for no other reason than his speed alone (4.5)." He's

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got inside linebacker size to go with this quickness.

Among our alternates are some intriguing prospects, or maybe even projects would be a better word. Deke Adams of Meridan, Miss., is a "big-time prospect" and claims he would like to be able to center his choices around Ole Miss, Nebraska and Alabama.

Joe Dziedzic of Minneapolis has inside backer size and pretty darned good speed (4.65). He's not only a prize prospect for football, but he owns 3.4 grades and supposedly has stated that Nebraska is the only school outside the Big Ten he'll consider.

Going back to the East Coast, David Jones of Wall, N.J., is a lean, 6-3, 206 with 4.6 speed and a scholarly SAT total of 1050. Not only are the major colleges looking at him but also the Ivy League schools and service academies. Jay Greene of Flint, Mich., can play tight end, wide receiver or outside linebacker. The football recruit-

## Best Outside 'Backers & Defensive Ends of '89

NAME	HT.	WT.	SPD.	HOMETOWN
Ken Alexander	6-2	225	4.6	Austin (LBJ), Texas
Aubrey Beavers	6-4	220	4.6	Houston (Yates), Texas
Ricky Ceasar	6-2	205	4.6	Houston (Northbrook), Texas
William Collins	6-2	215	4.5	Asheville (Reynolds), N.C.
Leroy Cooper	6-2	215	4.6	East Orange, N.J.
Chris Cowert	6-4	220	4.5	New Orleans (St. Aug.), La.
Jessie Cox	6-2	205	4.65	DeSoto, Texas
Adonis Dismuke	6-2	210	4.6	Dallas (Roosevelt), Texas
Steve Harvey	6-4	215	4.56	Leavenworth, Kan.
Lawrence Mitchell	6-6	225	4.6	Conway, S.C.
Dexter Nottage	6-4	226	4.6	Hollywood Hills, Fla.
David Tisdale	6-2	225	4.6	Terrell, Texas

### ALTERNATES

Deke Adams	6-2	212	4.6	Meridian, Miss.
Joe Dziedzic	6-4	210	4.6	Minneapolis (Edison), Minn.
Jay Greene	6-5	212	4.6	Flint (Central), Mich.
David Jones	6-3	208	4.6	Wall, N.J.
Joey Veargis	6-1	215	4.6	So. Miami, Fla.

Selections made from various media and recruiting services.

ers claim the biggest worry is if he decides to turn his efforts to basketball.

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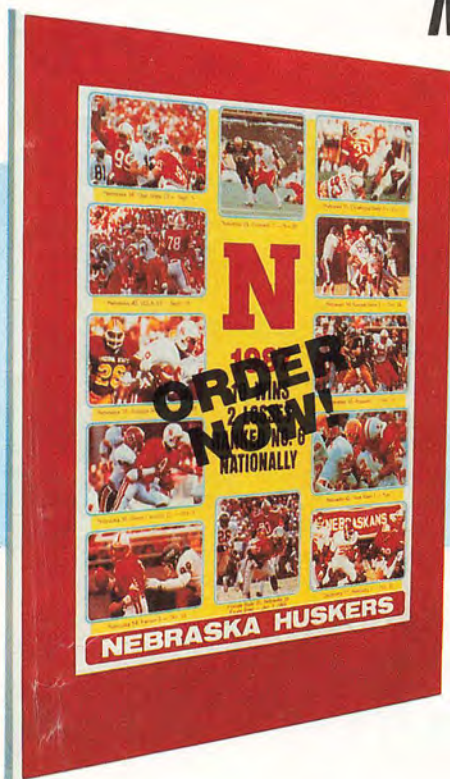






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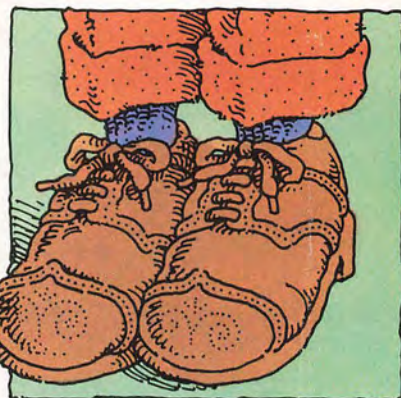
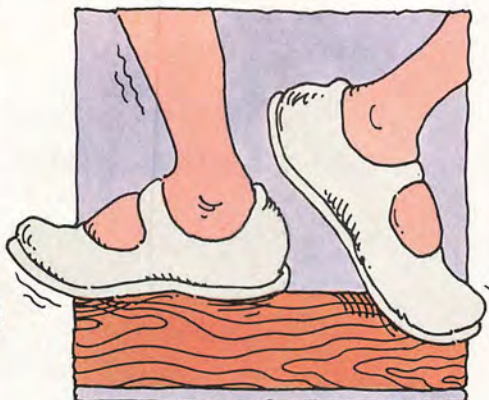
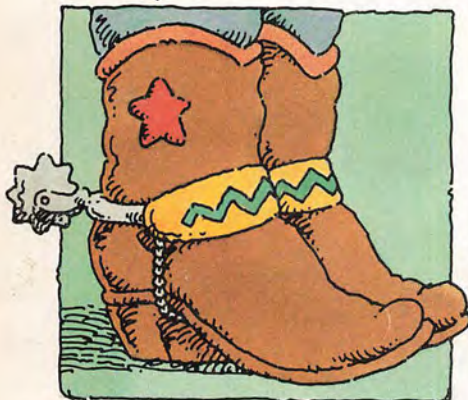
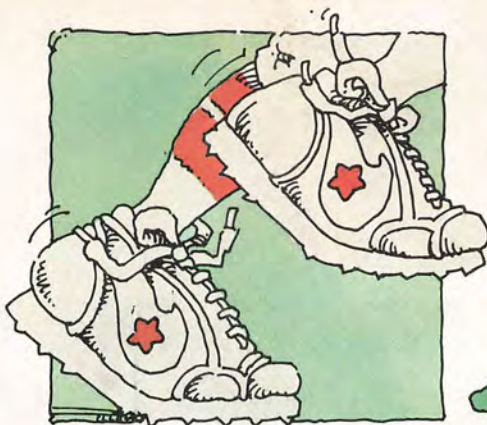
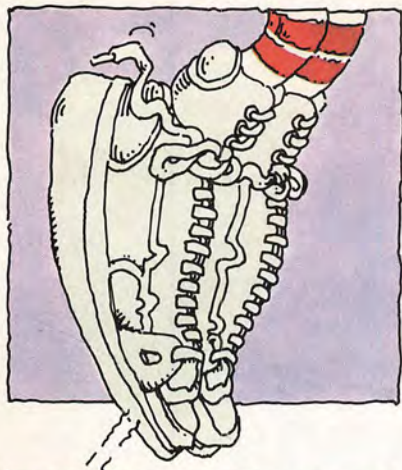
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